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ALLIES CONTINUE ADVANCE



East coast town of Pohang (shown in circle) has been recaptured by South Korean forces who are continuing their drive North West beyond Kijye. In the area above Taegu American and South Korean forces are continuing their counter-attack against the Red forces which threatened Taegu. Arrow (C) points to Changyong bulge in which North Koreans suffered shattering defeat at hands of First Marine Brigade and elements of the 24th Division. Blacked-in area in South shows ground recovered by recent Marine-Army drive towards Chinju and Kosong. Army map.

Civilians evacuated from SW front

On the Southwest Korean Front, August 19. The American Army yesterday was moving the entire civilian population back from the South West front.

Ten thousand men, women and children clad in rough homespun, the back soil of their rice fields still clinging to them, milled around a railway evacuation point in silent bewilderment.

The dull roar of American artillery a thousand yards ahead furnished a grim accompaniment.

The Army had moved 20,000 persons by Thursday. Another 10,000 crammed into the old rail cars today. Tonight, about 10,000 more sat waiting silently.

(From Taegu, threatened South Korean provisional capital, AP Correspondent Hal Boyle described the city's evacuation. Panic reigned for two hours as the population milled about swollen from a normal 250,000 to more than twice that number by refugees. In Tokyo, it was announced that the United Nations was establishing a relief organization to care for 1,500,000 South Korean refugees.)

Military necessity

The evacuation was a military necessity. Refugees were waiting onto the mines the Americans planted for North Korean Reds. Others were being cut down in battle. The North Koreans were infiltrating the lines in peasant costume. But to Ungi Lee, illiterate 27-year-old agricultural worker, the

Army's reasons disappear in the face of one tremendous fact. He has been taken from his rice fields and his home. No one has told him why.

Sergeant Hisao Asakawa, of Honolulu, interpreted as Ungi told his story.

"I do not want to be killed and that is true. But where am I going? Who will feed me? I own no land but each year I had six sacks of rice and a new suit for working here. What now?"

Sergeant Asakawa explained there was a giant refugee camp near Pusan and that the Army would feed him.

"Well, that is good," said Ungi. He turned and spoke to the group around him.—Associated Press.

Chinese names for modern war weapons

Taipei, August 19. Chinese translators have their problems, especially when it comes to give new Chinese names to Western things, but their ingenuity never fails.

Take, for example, the jet. What would you call it in Chinese?

The Chinese call it "gas-blowing machine."

What is a "hurriedly throwing cannon?" That is a trench mortar. Here are some other war terms and the way the Chinese render them:

Howitzer—sliding shell cannon.
Sound detector—listening machine.
Aircraft carrier—aviation mother ship.
Searchlight—sky-lighting lamp.
Camouflage—false make-up.
Calibre—mouth diameter.
Target—eye objective.
Trench—battle ditch.
Bayonet—thrusting knife.
Rocket-firing arrow.
Rocket launcher—flaming arrow thrower.
Bazooka—flaming arrow pipe.
Anti-aircraft gun—high shooting gun.

Reds driven back North of Taegu

ISLAND TAKEN

Tokyo, August 19.

United States and South Korean troops plunged on another mile and a half to the North above Taegu today after killing 1,200 enemy troops and bagging a record 1,000 prisoners in the first 24 hours of their assault.

The new thrust brought the total overall advance in the joint two-day counter-attack to four miles and lifted the immediate Communist threat to Taegu, temporary capital of South Korea.

General MacArthur announced at 0630 GMT (3.30 p.m. HK time) that American 25th and South Korean First Division units were still advancing against moderate enemy resistance above Kumhwa-dong, 13 miles North of Taegu.

The communique also disclosed that South Korean naval forces landed on Friday on tiny Tokcho Island, 20 miles South West of Inchon, big West coast port for enemy-occupied Seoul and occupied the village of Chin-ni without incident. This is more than 135 miles behind the fighting front North of Taegu.

United Nations warships bombarded the island in preparation for the landing but General MacArthur's announcement indicated they may not have been any enemy troops there. It did not say whether it was in the nature of a raid or seizure of a permanent base. General MacArthur's bulletin and field despatches reported these other developments on the Korean front:

NAKTONG RIVER ELBOW: First Marine Brigade and 24th Army Division units mopped up the few Communists remaining on the East bank of the Naktong River some 25 to 30 miles South West of Taegu following the successful two-day American offensive. Some officers believed the area would be cleaned up entirely by late today.

SOUTHWEST: An estimated 1,000 North Korean troops penetrated into the American 25th Division line West of Masan but were thrown back by an American counter-attack. At least 300 Communist troops were killed or wounded.

EAST COAST: Reinforced South troops drove North from the liberated port of Pohang to the vicinity of Pong-dong and were still advancing against only slight resistance. Other South Korean troops have driven two miles North beyond liberated Kijye, eight miles North West of Pohang.

Drastic Red set-backs

General MacArthur's official spokesman said the Allied forces inflicted such drastic set-backs on the North Koreans that the Communist military effectiveness had been reduced, at least temporarily. He said: "These actions forced him back from some of his positions and caused him heavy losses in personnel."

The spokesman said the Reds no longer seem capable of throwing in fresh divisions to replace those battered by the Allies. Instead they are regrouping what forces they have. The spokesman also reported Communist "demoralization" and trouble with civilians were forcing the Reds to keep many soldiers behind in "liberated" areas.

Meanwhile, UP correspondent Jack James, reporting from the Masan front, said that there appeared to be a general build-up of Communist forces in the South-eastern area. The Communists made an early morning attack at two places along the line but were thrown back each time. Fighting continued in the Northern sector until evening.

filtrated around American hill positions but were unable to penetrate the American barbed wire defenses and were put under machine-gun, artillery and rocket fire. By evening not many were left.

Around noon an estimated 100 North Koreans attempted to penetrate the sector held by South Korean police but these were thrown back with losses.

Red threats beaten back

North Korean Reds retreated to the North and West today, beaten back from their two most serious threats to Allied battle lines, adds Associated Press.

At some points the Reds avoided contact entirely with American and South Korean troops. At others, their resistance was described as light or moderate.

They fell back before United Nations assaults on the Northern road into Taegu and in the Changyong sector to the South West. Both were danger spots earlier in the week.

After three days of the heaviest fighting of the Korean war, intelligence spokesmen at General MacArthur's Headquarters gave these estimates of the whole battle picture:

1. The threat of Taegu, abandoned this week as the provisional South Korean capital, does not exist today as it did on Thursday. But there to five Red divisions, possibly 50,000 men, were still posted above the city.

2. The elite North Korean Fourth Division was mopped up badly by the Marines and U.S. Infantry in the Naktong River bulge near Changyong, that "for the immediate future it can no longer be considered a fighting division."

3. The enemy lost an estimated 2,200 men on Thursday along the whole perimeter—the biggest single day a bag for the Allies.

4. South Korean guerrillas, or regular army units, may be operating behind Communist lines. The spokesman said, "I think the enemy's back areas are not too quiet." He said he lacked information to amplify this remark.

Nearly 35 miles South of Waegwan, some troops of the North Korean Fourth Division still clung to their Changyong bulge in the Naktong line.

Scene of carnage

But they have lost most of the high ground and their former position has been cut in half by the American attack. The Communists were thrown off strategic heights to the flat ground on the West shore of the Naktong. General MacArthur's spokesman said there are about 100 miles from the river.

This was the scene of the greatest carnage. American artillery, Army Navy and Marine planes shelled, strafed and rocketed the Reds as they tried to flee back across the river.

A strain on the willpower



After the Bikini Swimsuit, the latest rage to hit the Riviera is the two-piece brassiere, a completely strapless affair held on, apparently, by willpower, as witness these bathing girls at Palm Beach, Monte Carlo.—(AP photo).

Superforts raid North Korea

Tokyo, August 19.

About 90 American B-29 Superforts struck heavily today at military-industrial targets in North Korea, dropping nearly 800 tons of bombs, announced General MacArthur's headquarters tonight. Chicago was given the heaviest blast as 60 of the attacking B-29's hit the marshalling yard, port and dock facilities and the Mitsubishi Iron Works from which large balls of fire rose into the sky after hits. A smaller force smashed the Hamhung marshalling yard while a third force attacked numerous key bridges North of the 38th Parallel.—Reuters.

Grenades thrown in Saigon

Saigon, August 19.

Eleven Vietnamese were injured when Communist led guerrillas threw two hand-grenades outside the crowded Kim Cheng gambling saloon, the Vietnam police reported today.

Eight of the injured were taken to hospital. The police said they were continuing their series of raids on Saigon's underground guerrilla centres, in which more than 1,000 arrests were made yesterday.

In one of Saigon's best residential streets in the European quarter, they found a parcel of "revolutionary propaganda." The pamphlets said the Americans were retreating in Korea and that now was the time for the Vietnamese to rise against the Western-recognized Vietnam state, which was "being invaded by the United States."

Many leaflets and banners with "revolutionary inscriptions" had been found in Saigon's outer suburbs, a police spokesman added. The police raids followed calls for "all out violence in Saigon" by local leaders of the Vietnamese insurrectionary government, now celebrating the fifth anniversary of its proclamation of independence.—Reuters.

REPORT DENIED

Canberra, August 19. The Acting Premier, Mr. A. W. Fadden, today denied officially a cable report that Australian troops have landed in Korea South of the former South Korean capital of Seoul.

"There has been no Australian troop movements whatsoever," Mr. Fadden said.—Reuters.

Menzies proposing Empire Division for Korean war

Tokyo, August 19.

An Empire Division is expected to fight in Korea if the Australian and other Commonwealth Governments agree to plans which the Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, will propose to the Australian Cabinet upon his return to Australia, according to usually reliable sources in Tokyo.

The Division will be made up of a brigade each of Australian, United Kingdom and Canadian troops with New Zealand possibly supplying some supporting arms such as artillery.

Australian, Canadian and English Brigadiers would command their respective brigades, possibly under a United Kingdom divisional commander, who would in turn be responsible to Lieutenant General Sir Horace Robertson, the Commander-in-Chief of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces in Japan and the Empire troops engaged in Korea.

The Division would wear British uniforms, use British weapons and be supplied and reinforced from the BCOF base at Kure.

According to the plan, if it is acceptable to all the Commonwealth Governments, the time factor will be the only major problem. It might be a few months before a co-ordinated divisional force would be able to take the field.

However, the existing facilities at Kure would enable a rapid concentration of Commonwealth forces in this area and training would be carried out in the nearby hills similar to Korea's rugged terrain.

NZ force
In Wellington, the New Zealand Defence Minister, Mr. Tom Macdonald, said in a statement today that many more than were required had volunteered for service in Korea. He said the K Force—the New Zealand contingent which is to serve with the other United Nations ground forces in Korea—would go into training camps in August, 1950.

In selecting men for the force the Army had given preference to single men under 27 years of age, he added.

"Twice as many men as needed had been medically examined,

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JAPANESE POLICY ON KOREA

Tokyo, August 19.

In a diplomatic White Paper released today the Japanese Government unequivocally declared that Japan's security as a democratic nation can be guaranteed only by giving the "strongest possible co-operation" to the United Nations in the Korean action. The 15,000-word document, entitled "Our Position in Korea," which was released by the Foreign Office, came in four parts:

1. The background of the Korean conflict.
2. The United Nations in action.
3. The future of the conflict and war for men's minds; and
4. Conclusion.

MOSCOW RADIO

London, August 19.

A Moscow Radio broadcast today said that the "aggressive attempts" of the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, to prove that Taiwan belongs to Japan, with documents "concocted by American intelligence to substantiate that statement," and "the part played by Japanese resources and bases" in the Korean war could not but be regarded as "a growing threat to peace."—Reuters.

The Japanese Government labelled the Korean hostilities as "a war to protect democracy in Japan."

It blamed the "forces of Communism" which seek to destroy freedom and peace, of delaying the conclusion of the peace which we so fervently desire."

The Japanese Foreign Office lamented: "Notwithstanding General MacArthur's espousal of an early Japanese peace treaty on March 17, 1947, a conference of all the Allied Powers on the subject is not in sight, and our disappointment and dismay." "The Communist version of 'peace' and 'liberation' is Korean homes going up in flames and the Korean people dying with hunger, bleeding and dying," charged the document.

Reaction to invasion

The Japanese White Paper traced in detail the reaction of the democratic world and the United Nations to the Communist invasion of South Korea.

At the news of the invasion Japan initially was seized with grave anxiety for its own future. But the action of the United Nations and the United States in meeting force with force, in defence of world peace and democracy was most gratifying.

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JANUARY

(December 21-January 19)

Try to overcome tendency to procrastinate this week. Valuable chances would pass you by if you hesitate too long. Worthwhile making important moves, attempting useful link-ups on Thursday.

FEBRUARY

(January 20-February 18)

One of those weeks when you attempt to aim too high. Be rather cautious about how you commit yourself mid-week. Water to stick to routine, use conciliatory rather than downright methods. Take pains to keep fit.

MARCH

(February 19-March 20)

Signs that an important deal is nearing completion. If you are sufficiently tenacious and have your ideas clear cut, something useful might be fixed up in next few days. Acrimonious correspondence early in week.

APRIL

(March 21-April 20)

If in holiday mood, arrange your good times for early in week. Later from Wednesday onwards—life takes on a more serious character. Some problem of staff or routine work crops up again and important change may be necessary.

MAY

(April 21-May 20)

This week's events will affect your personal life pretty closely. Fallings-out and reconciliations likely within the family. Also a much older friend or, alternatively, relative in trouble keeps you worried until end of week.

JUNE

(May 21-June 20)

Do your best to keep your temper if you want to be happy and prosperous this week. Clashes might ruin a very promising deal. Late in week, an important visitor and much to do for the family.

JULY

(June 21-July 20)

Concentrate on making the right link-ups in next few days. Don't be carried away by glowing offers or promises of easy money. Better to make "safely" your watchword throughout the week.

AUGUST

(July 21-August 21)

Family controversies may flare up again in next few days. But social life, business link-ups, are under propitious stars. Windfall probable or "Gambler's luck," between Tuesday and Friday.

SEPTEMBER

(August 22-September 22)

Tempo of life speeds up this week. Probably you launch new scheme under somewhat hectic conditions but with immediate success. More propitious outlook both for the family and for business affairs.

OCTOBER

(September 23-October 23)

Financially a somewhat difficult period. You may not be able to side-step heavy claims upon you. In personal life an easier time; valued friend may come to the rescue.

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WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R.H. Naylor

In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

NOVEMBER

(October 24-November 22)

If an opportunity for new deal comes along, strike at once. If you hesitate in next few days you will probably have regrets for some time to come. A good week for reviving old friendships and for consolidating new ones.

DECEMBER

(November 23-December 20)

Help comes from a distance or from overseas visitors this week. If you are sufficiently patient and tenacious, you should be able to make up the ground lost earlier in year. But be on the alert for enemies or treacherous employees.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20: FOR MOST OF US:

Be content with your usual routine and a quiet life. Better to spend the day with trusted friends or the family than to seek adventure. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Golden-brown, 8, Jade.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

This is definitely a year for staying where you are. Throughout 1950/51 you would be foolish to make unnecessary changes. If you can stay put both in your personal and your working life, all should be well with you this year.

It will be a comfortable year though you may not make a great deal of money. Throughout the 12 months you will be building up assets, establishing your position in one way or another; you should be able to make good use of family connections and of old friends.

Don't worry about attempting new schemes or up-to-date ideas. If you have any specialised skill or knowledge be content to use it. You will find a good market for ideas that you have tried out in the past and full scope for your special skill.

Look after health, and don't move house. If you uproot yourself this year, you will probably have cause to regret it. On the other hand, improvements to house or garden would prove worthwhile within a short time.

Family relationships will bring only happiness this year. Both the older and younger generations will be helpful and affectionate throughout the twelve months. If already married, you will probably need much patience in dealing with your partner's whims or desire for change. If still unmarried, plan engagement if you like, but don't take the final step this year.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21: FOR MOST OF US:

Don't look for bargains; you are not likely to find them. Instead concentrate on personal problems, and on establishing social goodwill. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Violet Blue, 6, Blue Opal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Now begins what is likely to prove a most amusing and lively year. It is not, however, likely to be a very prosperous one. What money you get in 1950/51 will go through your fingers very quickly and, unless you are careful, you may end the 12 months in debt.

There will be many temptations to spend more than you should. More prosperous friends will be kind and you may yield to the temptation to "keep up with the Joneses". Better be careful that expenditure doesn't exceed your income in the earlier part of the year.

Apart from a few money worries life will be very pleasant in the coming 12 months. You are likely to be a social success, take the lead in some local activity. If you are interested in art or music, the creative impulse will be strong this year.

You will probably get a chance to travel, but make sure you can afford long voyages before you set out upon them. You will certainly find happiness abroad, but journeys of this kind may lead to material difficulties later.

Whether married or single, it should be an adventurous and romantic year. If now heartwhole, you will probably lose both your head and your heart before you are a year older. It is unlikely that marriage would take place just yet. There may be financial reasons for last minute hold-up in marriage plans.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22: FOR MOST OF US: You may find it more than usually difficult to banish worry and to keep your temper. Better leave anything that calls for tact and concentration until late in day. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Orange, 1, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Unless you begin this new year of life in a resolute mood, you may find that nervous worry gets the better of you. You would do well to make up your mind early in the year to cut your losses and to break completely with unpleasant associations.

It looks as though your existing environment is ungenial at the moment and it is not likely to improve during the next few months. But a break any time between now and Christmas would be accompanied by much bad feeling and by quarrels. You must make up your own mind whether or not it is worthwhile facing difficult situations for the sake of a clean break.

Financially it may be a difficult period for the first half of the year but you are likely to do much better early in 1951. Don't be put off a promising scheme because it may entail a somewhat lower income for the moment.

Older people may do their best to make life difficult for you, but between now and the end of November. But it will be your own fault if you put up with oppression of this kind. Consider taking a new job or moving right away as soon as you can conveniently.

In personal matters, too, it will be as well to break with the past. Don't cling to an association that has become difficult and of no value. If your family disapprove of marriage plans but your heart is set upon them, go ahead. If already married, consider taking a new house or breaking right away from your present neighbourhood and interests.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23: FOR MOST OF US: First part of the day should prove easy-going, concentrate on money-making, good bargains. Mid-afternoon may be a difficult period for personal affairs. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Wine Red, 3, Amethyst.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Success and prosperity during 1950/51 depend largely upon your ability to do and say the right thing. If you can be tactful, conventional, between now and your next birthday, you should end the year in a more comfortable position and with money in hand.

There is some danger, though, that you will make enemies unnecessarily. Though you may be a rebel at heart, don't air your opinions. Better put up with somewhat pompous and tiresome associates than get on the wrong side of people who may be helpful to you.

It is a good year in the business sense and if you are ambitious, you could go far this year. Better not change your job. There is more to be made and greater prestige to be gained where you are than there would be in something new.

Socially it could be a helpful year though you will probably have to spend lavishly. Don't be shy; take a share in what is going on locally and, if you are interested in sport, follow up that interest as much as you can.

It is a good year for getting married or, if already married, for enlarging the family interests. There is some danger though that whether married or single you may become an unwilling party to a domestic triangle. Danger months would be January and July 1951.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24: FOR MOST OF US: Highly successful day provided you can play for safety. Don't let restlessness or impulsiveness get the better of you. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Soft Brown, 6, Dark Sapphire.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: During the first few months of your birthday year you will be tempted to break away from existing conditions at all costs. Restlessness and discontent are likely to cloud your judgment to some extent. A desire for adventure and a more colourful existence may drive you into impulsive action.

But it would be extremely foolish to make changes of any magnitude. Bring yourself up-to-date certainly—or, if possible, change your routine to some extent, but don't make far-reaching reshuffles. If you feel you must alter your way of living, wait until just before your next birthday before you attempt experiments.

Your best policy this year would be to dig yourself in where you are. Aim at building up future prosperity rather than making money. Think well ahead and work out a settling down policy if you can.

Your task may be made easier by the help of family friends or relatives. Also, a legacy may come your way some time between September and January. If considering investments this year, remember that land and houses would suit you very well.

There is a likelihood that glamorous but unreliable friends may make you dissatisfied with your family life. Don't allow yourself to be tempted into rash adventure or plunge too deeply into a friendship that may end in disillusionment. Be content with well-tried friends or with a sweetheart whom you have known for some years.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25: FOR MOST OF US: All should go well in your working life. Beware

quarrels at home. Personal problems may be intensified or quarrels sprung up at a moment's notice. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Sea Green, 2, Aquamarine.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: There should be few material difficulties this year provided you can keep the peace where you work and keep clear of quarrels that don't concern you. True, competition will be keen but you will get the better of your adversaries in most instances. You should be able to make good use of your natural originality and adaptability.

If you employ others, be careful. Women employees in particular are likely to make trouble for you this year. Make sure, too, that you are covered against third party risk or against loss by fire.

Provided you don't speculate or spend over-lavishly the year should be a sound one financially. Remember though that you are likely to do much better in entirely new schemes or over original ideas than you would in methods you used in the past.

Don't be afraid to experiment; there is every chance that an unusual idea will prove a "winner". Also, if you have interests overseas or your work brings you into contact with foreigners, that side of your business life will be most pleasant and profitable.

In your personal affairs, though, all is not so well. Someone close to you proves difficult and may break away entirely in the New Year. Also, women in the family or the household will be a continual source of trouble. Better not count on any plans for engagement or marriage going through in 1950/51.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26: FOR MOST OF US: Put business out of your head and enjoy yourself. Propitious for anything that needs the artistic touch or a light hand. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Lavender, 7, Opal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: From a financial angle this may well be a difficult year. Unless you are clear-headed and economical at the beginning of the year, you are likely to find that expenses outstrip income in 1951.

Better cut down overheads ruthlessly in the year—future. Don't spend more than you can afford on keeping up appearances or on luxuries. Better have something in hand with which to back interesting schemes than lead an easy self-indulgent existence.

There is every likelihood that an original new scheme develops quickly about October. So make sure that you have enough cash in hand to carry it through to completion. Don't rely on promises made by prosperous

acquaintances or by the family. You may have to travel but you are not likely to gain anything by going abroad. Indeed, if you take up work out of this country you will probably lose money by it. Better stay where you are and face everyday problems with courage.

Take care you don't get in the bad books of your employer or of some prosperous but conventional friend. You seem fated to plunge into a friendship with someone of unconventional type but strong personality. Though such a link-up may bring great happiness and, if unmarried, may lead to marriage, yet it will tend to spoil your relationship with dull but useful people.



ATLANTIS FOUND AGAIN

Atlantis, the Lost City that is constantly but erroneously being "found," has been discovered again—and this time somewhere under the North Sea.

The North Sea theory is held by 10 German Scientists who have just set out in a 150-ton schooner to try and prove their theory correct. Travelling with them are three divers who will use one of the latest types of seabed "eyes"—an ultra-modern diving bell to inspect the ocean down to a depth of 120 feet.

The leader of the expedition, a North German scientist, Juergen Spannuth, explains that biblical studies have led him to believe that the geographical description of the lost Atlantis corresponds to the topography of certain parts of the North Sea. He and his fellow scientists are now almost certain that what is now the sea-bed was once the home of North Europeans some 1700 years before Christ.

Rejecting as "pure legend" the popular belief that Atlantis was a large land mass somewhere in the South Atlantic, the scientists hope to find a ruined but well preserved City when they lower their diving bell under the North Sea.

Whether or not their scientific theory is anything less of a legend than all the other theories will be proved when the expedition returns to Germany later on.

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EUROPEAN FEDERATION ISSUE AT STRASBOURG

Strasbourg, August 18.

Urgent need for defence preparations

Sydney, August 18.
The "Sydney Sun" said today that President Bokor's outburst about New Guinea yesterday "should remind every Australian of the urgent need to prepare for the defence of this country."

"The Sun" said, "Though Bokor's truculence is serious enough in itself the possibilities implied by it are more serious still. They include the ultimate emergence of a Communist regime in Indonesia."

"The Sun" added, "If an element hostile to Australia were to secure control of Dutch New Guinea the whole of our Northern defence barrier would be nullified."

Air exercises in West Europe

London, August 18.
Royal Air Force Meteor and Vampire jet fighter and twin-engined Mosquito night-fighter planes will take part in Western Union air exercises in France, Belgium and Holland from August 25 to 27.

The Air Ministry announced today that the Meteors would be based at Twente, Holland, the Vampires and Mosquitoes at Coulmiers, near Paris.

Ground staffs would be flown out in transport planes. The British occupation air force in Germany will also provide jet fighters, light bombers and photo-reconnaissance aircraft to play both offensive and defensive roles in the exercise, the attackers operating from German airfields.—Reuter.

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The British Conservative spokesman, Mr. Duncan Sandys, declared today that federation must never be made a condition of membership of the Council of Europe.

He was speaking in a debate in the European Assembly here, after the French Socialist, M. Andre Philip, had warned that, if Britain would not come in, other countries must go ahead with their own plans for closer union.

Speaking before Mr. Sandys, M. Philip said, "I feel myself that those who feel a little cautious at the moment will join us in due course."

"At any rate, we cannot wait any longer. With things as they are now, we cannot, just for the sake of getting unanimity, accept any kind of compromise, because we cannot leave unheeded the desire of the great bulk of our people."

"Two-hundred and fifty million men are in an acute state of despair, and feel lack of faith in diplomatic conversations and negotiations between Governments. We cannot disappoint the hopes of these millions of people."

Mr. Sandys, son-in-law of the Opposition leader, Mr. Winston Churchill and a leading executive of the European movement, aligned himself with British Government policy by echoing a statement by the Cabinet Minister, Mr. Hugh Dalton.

"If certain countries decide to form a federal union between one another, under the aegis and within the framework of the Council of Europe, it can do nothing but good and they can be sure of our unqualified approval and support," Mr. Sandys said.

Not condition

"Federation must never be made a condition of membership of the Council of Europe, thereby excluding from the European community all who are not able to federate."

"The European family circle is already far too restricted by circumstances outside our control. Anything which would restrict it further would be a step backwards and not forwards."

"The slowest must not be thrown out, and the fastest must not be held back," Mr. Sandys said.

He suggested that a series of practical problems should be tackled through functional schemes. Some of these would embrace all, or almost all, members. Others would include only a few.

Mr. Sandys warned the Assembly that a free and united Europe will never be found on the principle of rigid uniformity. "M. Paul Reynaud, French Premier when the Germans overran France, also called for action to create a real European parliament."

"We must give the people of Europe principles which will arouse their enthusiasm," he said.

War minister

Speaking of the proposal to appoint a European Minister of War, M. Reynaud again mentioned Mr. Churchill for the post, though the British ex-Premier told the Assembly last week he would not be a candidate for the appointment.

This Minister of War, M. Reynaud said, would obviously have to work in conjunction with a European Minister of Economics, a European Minister of Agriculture, and European ministers for other affairs. Above all these, it would be necessary to have a chief of Governments—and on that basis a united Europe would be created.

The President, M. Paul-Henri Spaak, suggested that the Committee's series of general motions calling for stronger efforts to build up the Council of Europe, should be voted on as a whole.

VENIZELLOS TO FORM CABINET

Athens, August 18.

Liberal Leader Sophocles Venizelos was today entrusted with the formation of a Cabinet. The King tonight accepted the resignation of the Coalition Government of Nikolaos Plastiras and immediately called M. Venizelos to the Palace.

After being with the King for a few minutes, M. Venizelos left and said the King gave him carte blanche and placed no restrictions as to time or the composition of the new Government.

Mr. Venizelos then started talks at his house with other Liberal leaders.—Associated Press.

U.S. AIR CHIEF IN BRITAIN

London, August 18.

The Secretary of the United States Air Force, Mr. Thomas K. Finletter, accompanied by General LeMay Johnson, the Commander of the 3rd American Air Division in England, today flew into London in an Air Force Skymaster.

An American spokesman said in London today that Mr. Finletter's visit to England has no particular significance. Mr. Finletter's visit is expected to be very short.—Reuter.

Tadoussac, August 18.
The police here said today that two more people are missing in the fire of the river cruise ship Quebec on Monday. This would bring the total death toll to seven.—Reuter.

RADIO

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 945 kilocycles per second and on 9.65 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

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A.M.

10.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
10.05—"Saturday Sport Results" (Studio)
10.10—"Music and Song of Music" (Studio)
10.15—"Time for Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra (BBC)
11.00—"Service from the Studio"—Conducted by Major Poling, Salvation Army.

P.M.

12.00—"Sports Time"—By Bill Phillips (Studio)
12.05—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
12.10—"Robert Taggart and His Orchestra"—Presented by Robert Taggart (BBC)
12.15—"News, Weather Report and Announcements."

1.00—"Afternoon Concert"—Waltz Glee Club (Phon)
2.05—"Radio from Here"—With Joe Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards. (BBC)
2.30—"Jazz Half Hour"—Introduced by Graham Davis (Studio)
3.05—"Hospital Requests"—Presented by Pauline Spencer (Studio)
4.00—"Samba and His Distinctive Jazz Band."

4.10—"Short Story"—"The Storm"—Written and Read by Richard Bickers (Studio)
4.30—"The Queen's Hall Light Opera"—"Home Requests"—Presented by "Home Requests" (Studio)
5.05—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

6.00—"Service from the Studio"—Conducted by the Rev. M. V. Crawford, C.P. (Studio)
6.30—"London Studio Melodies"—The Melodians (BBC)
7.00—"We Sing for You"—John Hammond (Soprano) and David Lloyd (Tenor)

7.15—"Weekly News-Letter" (London Relay)
7.30—"Dinner Music" (Studio)
8.00—"World News and News Analysis" (London Relay)
8.15—"Looking Ahead"—A Review of the Week Programme (Radio)
8.30—"Follow the Blue Light"—A Mystery Play by A. W. Henderson (BBC)

9.00—"From the Editorials" (London Relay)
9.10—"Weather Report" (Studio)
9.15—"Interlude" (Studio)

9.15—"Radio Hong Kong 'Prize' Concert"—Haydn's Symphony No. 104 in B Flat Major, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham. (BBC)
9.30—"The Piano Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 25, Eileen Joyce Piano, with the London Symphony Orchestra, Conducted by Leopold Stokowski. (BBC)
9.45—"Looking at Britain"—David Moor, Devon, Narrated by Bernard Fisher. (BBC)

10.00—"Choir of Strasbourg Cathedral" (BBC)
10.10—"Radio News Reel" (London Relay)
11.00—"Weather Report" (Studio)
11.15—"Epilogue" (BBC)
11.30—"Close Down."

Rediffusion

A.M.

7.00—"Up With The Sun"
8.00—"Organist"
8.15—"Newspaper"
8.30—"Morning Music"
8.45—"News & Weather Forecast"
9.15—"Sunday Variety"
10.15—"Claude Thornhill and his Orchestra"
10.30—"Church Service"
Light Music
Organ Melodies

P.M.

12.00—"Songs of India"
12.15—"Music by Paul Weston"
12.30—"Lunch Time Music"
1.15—"News and Weather Report"
1.30—"Popular Concert"
2.00—"The 11 From Here"
2.30—"The Spirit of Life"
3.00—"Griffin Inn Ensemble"
3.30—"Curtain Call"
3.45—"Sunday Variety"
4.00—"The Friday Night Show"
4.30—"Just for You"
4.45—"Pride of Kentucky"
5.00—"The Adventure of Sherlock Holmes"
5.15—"Songs of Nations"
5.45—"Listen to Liberty"
6.00—"BBC News"
6.10—"Local News"
6.15—"Concert Melodies"
6.30—"Western Cerebral"
6.45—"Invitation to the Walls"
7.00—"Classics"
7.30—"London Playhouse"
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Bradley: likely West chief

General Bradley is the most likely candidate to head the new Atlantic Pact super-General Staff. The post will be tantamount to Supreme Commander of the West.

General Eisenhower's name is also being mentioned, but Bradley is favourite because of the leading part he has played since the Atlantic Pact conception in drawing up Western Defence plans.

It is now considered possible that Eisenhower might take over from General Bradley as chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The new staff, which is to have over-riding executive powers to build up the divisions, air fleets and navies that have been deemed necessary for a balanced Atlantic Force, will be based on an inner ring comprising the U.S., Britain and France.

Deputies

The British and French representatives will be virtual deputy Supreme Commanders to the American chief. Either Marshal of the RAF Lord Tedder or Field Marshal Viscount Alexander, Governor General of Canada, can be expected to be the British senior nominee.

It is not yet clear whether the organization will be centred on Washington or London.

If it were to be in the United States, then a special deputy who would be an American general would be appointed as on-the-spot commander in Europe.

Arms dollars for Britain

Most of America's dollar spending for the European re-armament effort in factories on this side of the Atlantic, will be in Britain, American sources state.

In addition to making raw materials available to help in stepping up Britain's arms production drive, dollars will be paid to Britain for certain armaments to be supplied both to the Continent and in some cases to the United States herself.

Heading the list would be jet fighters. Up till now Britain has made a considerable number of Gloucester Meteor and De Havilland Vampire jets available to France and other Western Union countries, partly on a free basis. Now it seems that the Americans would pay for a percentage of the increased production of the jets for Atlantic Pact Continental use.

In addition, some of Britain's new jet types coming up may be purchased for the United States Air Force.

Flying squads

A splendid example of international trade union collaboration is provided by Europe's seamen and dockers.

When the shape of the Communist menace to the ports became clear a vigilance committee was set up consisting of union representatives from six Western democracies, headed by Mr. Tom Yates secretary of the British Union of Seamen. On it, dockers are represented by leaders from Belgium and Britain, seamen by French and Norwegian delegates, and inland

Sea-ledge supremacy

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Rubber factory

TA KUNG PAO: The Fung Keong Rubber Factory has taken an unwise step in closing its doors and throwing more than 1,200 workers out of employment. Whatever difficulties the management may be facing, the livelihood of the workers should not be so completely ignored by discharging them all at once.

The main excuse the management has put forward is that a group of men claiming to be representatives of the Rubber Shoes Workers' Union had presented demands for wage increases. Most of the workers, however, were completely in the dark regarding this event. It is therefore clear that the excuse has no foundation.

The difficulties of the management are the soaring price of rubber and the depression in the market. We must realise that the increase in rubber prices is due to the aggressive war in Korea by American imperialists which threatens to develop into a full-scale world war, and consequent hoarding of rubber by the capitalists.

We are, however, fully convinced that the strength of the peace-loving peoples of the world will crush the conspiracies of the war-mongers.

Why does not the Fung Keong Rubber Factory try to secure the market in New China? Demand reforms are being introduced in New China and when this programme is completed, the purchasing power of the people will increase considerably.

Why should the factory worry about workers' demands? It should appreciate the difficulties of the workers, but the management should not be so short-sighted as to push to the limit the workers' demands.

Powder keg

KUNG SHING YAT PO: Indo-China is the powder keg in South East Asia today and the country is the most likely objective of the next Communist offensive.

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LONDON LETTER

waterway men by Dutch and German members. Frequent consultations are held in headquarters in London, which is in touch with Western Union Governments.

Now, it is claimed, the vigilance committees are winning everywhere. Shipments of British aid to Malaya and the Far East, French arms and men to Indo-China and American arms to Europe have been carried through without effective hindrance.

How these committees work is not generally made known, but flying squads are sent to likely trouble spots where the Communists are at work, and trusted local leaders are given vital talking points on why the work should go on.

Long way round

One day this month, Mr. Ness Edwards, the Postmaster-General, will send a telegram from the lecture hall of the Science Museum at South Kensington. His message will travel along the Atlantic cable across Canada, the Pacific, Australia, the Indian Ocean, South Africa, and then once more under the Atlantic to be handed, perhaps a minute and a half after dispatch, to Mr. George Tomlinson, the Education Minister, at Mr. Edwards's elbow.

This demonstration of modern telecommunication will mark the opening by the Postmaster-General of an exhibition to celebrate the centenary of the laying of the first submarine cable, across the Straits of Dover.

Visitors to the museum will see pieces of the original cable and sections of the early Atlantic cables, together with material illustrating the long process of development, which has culminated in the complex cable of today, capable of taking 240 telephone conversations simultaneously.

Another feature of the opening ceremony will be the taking and processing of a photograph, to be sent to Paris and returned, with French official endorsement, the whole operation lasting about three-quarters of an hour.

It is comforting to reflect that if Britain no longer rules the waves she is, nevertheless, still mistress of the ocean bed. London remains the hub of the world's telecommunication system. A daily average of 50,000 messages—40 to 45 per cent of them by radio—passing through the station of Cable and Wireless alone.

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the corresponding quarter of last year. Of British tonnage under construction, just over 55 per cent is for registration abroad.

Of foreign tonnage now being built the percentage for foreign registration outside the country of origin is well over 30.

This indicates an interesting competition with British yards in orders from outside. It is instructive that the motor tonnage now being built in the world's shipyards represents over 41 per cent of the total.

Casualties

An old custom will be faithfully observed when Field-Marshal Viscount Alanbrooke is installed as Constable of the Tower of London in succession to the late Field-Marshal Earl Wavell.

The ceremony goes back to 1078. Sir Roger Green, in the shadow of the White Tower and within a few feet of the site of Anne Boleyn's execution, the new Constable will stand in a circle of Yeomen of the Guard, and receive the gold master-key borne on a crimson velvet cushion from the Lord Chamberlain. As far as is known, Lord Alanbrooke will be the 14th Constable.

Today his duties are nominal and unpaid. Only two centuries ago he had many privileges. Prisoners in the Tower paid the Constable "fees" according to rank. A Duke, for instance, paid £20; and an Earl £10, and a knight £5.

Every ship arriving from Bordeaux had to provide him with wine and every animal that fell into the Thames from London Bridge was his. The bird was a good deal less substantial in those days and no doubt the Constable could be expected to live quite well on the casualties.

Little change

All the same, it is really quite surprising to discover how, in some minor respects, we have changed so very little these last 1,900 years.

After recapping on very unpromising-looking building sites in the City of London for the past few months, and apparently making little of it against the competition from the mechanical excavators and bulldozers, a few archaeologists have come to the Guildhall Museum with their finds and the proof.

They have been at work on what was once a well-patronised asphalt of Roman London and among the various items brought to the surface was a sandal, cut from one piece of leather, and laced pretty much as now, which would not be remarked upon were it displayed for sale in any modern store today.

Some of the exquisite glassware, which miraculously survived the centuries and a few weeks ago was unearthed from the jaws of the mechanical shovels, looks quite familiar and helps along the impression that in such basic matters at least things are not so different after all.

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Demolition squads have been ordered to fetch down intact the gilded angel which stands on the crystal ball dominating the theatre.

With the full approval of a very understanding Indian Government, a room will be set aside in the new Government offices to house the angel. There it will stay—surrounded by photographs and memorabilia to remind old theatre-goers of a glorious past.

German re-armament

SING TAO JIN PAO: Main obstacle to anti-re-arming of Western Germany is France's reluctance to consent to such a plan. The question for Western Germany to share in the Western European defence has provoked considerable speculation, and the fear that the Korean incident may be repeated in Germany.

The biggest worry today is the increasing armed strength of Eastern Germany, under the supervision of the Soviet Union. In Eastern Germany, there are some 400,000 soldiers, many of whom are employed as troops for an invasion.

A further source of apprehension is the weakness of the defence of the democracies in Germany. The Western democracies have been bitter in their criticism of the Soviet Union, and it is generally expected that a move to re-arm Western Germany for self-defence as the industrial regions of the Ruhr and Saar are great temptations for Eastern Germany.

Even if the United States wishes to re-arm Western Germany, the question of France and Britain is still a matter of respect for the opinions of Britain and France. Any re-armament of Western Germany must be in accordance with the wishes of Britain and France.

Black Coat enquiry

A move is on foot to investigate the earnings of black-coated workers. Labour Ministry statistics at present confine themselves to details of the six and a half millions or so workers in factories and workshops, together with occasional excursions into the pay packets of other manual workers such as hatters, dockers and railwaymen.

The trade union movement in which, of course, manual workers are overwhelmingly represented, want these figures supplemented by data on salaries. This, it is claimed, would ascertain the truth about the relation between changes in the earnings of the professional classes and those of other grades of employees.

If the unions hope to prove by this that the wages of the manual worker have not benefited as much as those of his colleagues in a black coat, they may be in for a disappointment. The two largest classes of salaried workers, outside the TUC—the local government employees and schoolteachers—claim that they and the "new poor".

The local government personnel, in fact, are in midst of preparations for a publicity campaign to tell the ratepayer how badly off is the "man at the Town Hall".

Examiners examined

What do examinations really prove? Some illuminating data on this topical question is provided by investigations recently carried out in America and Britain.

In the American tests, the same answer to an examination question was distributed in facsimile for marking by 12 teachers. Fourteen of them gave 95 per cent or more marks and 14 got 70 per cent or less.

What the CHINESE PRESS is saying

This people of Indo-China want independence. Although the French have given Indo-China limited autonomy, it is regrettable that they have supported the Dalai Lama known as the "Emperor of Night Clubs".

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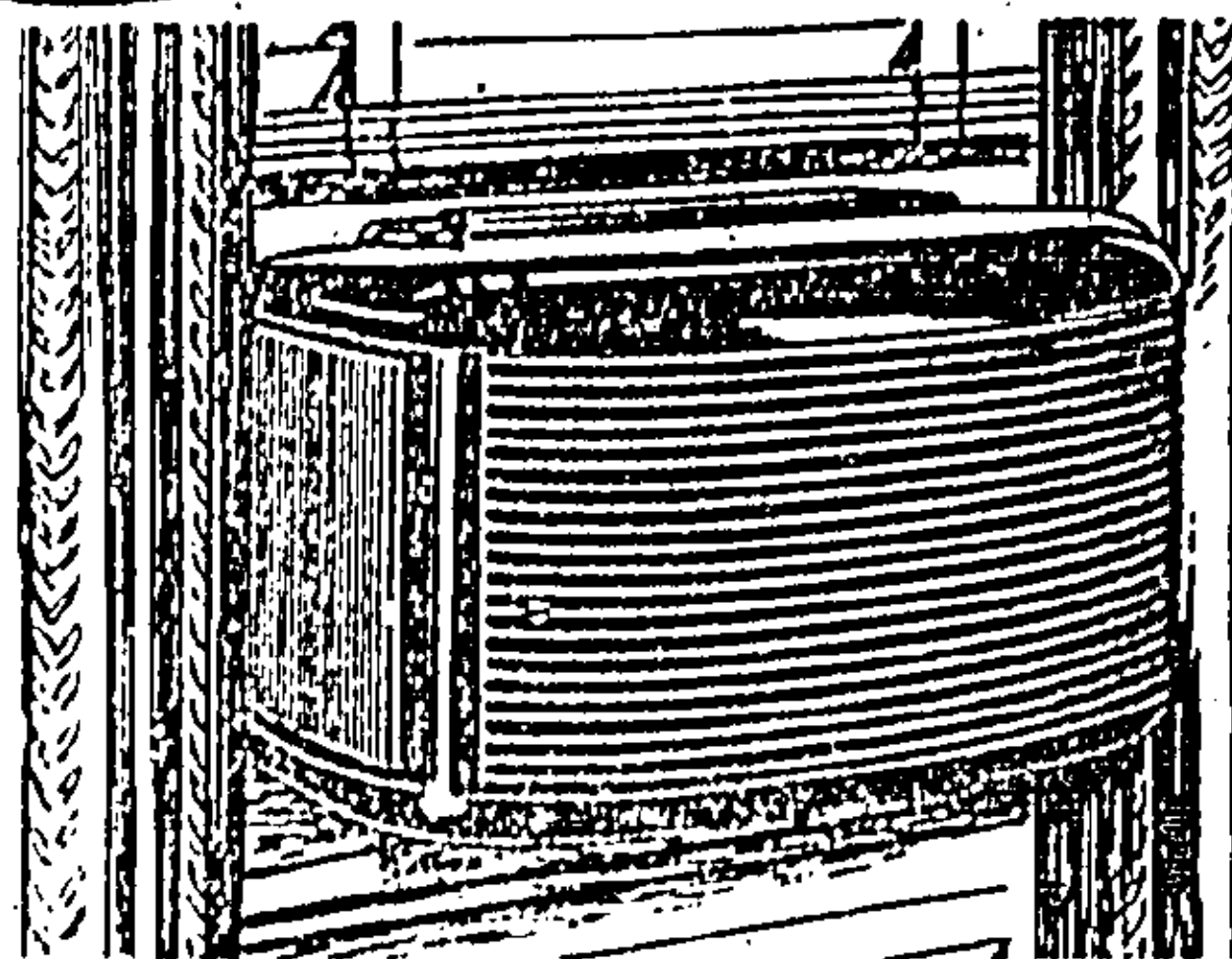
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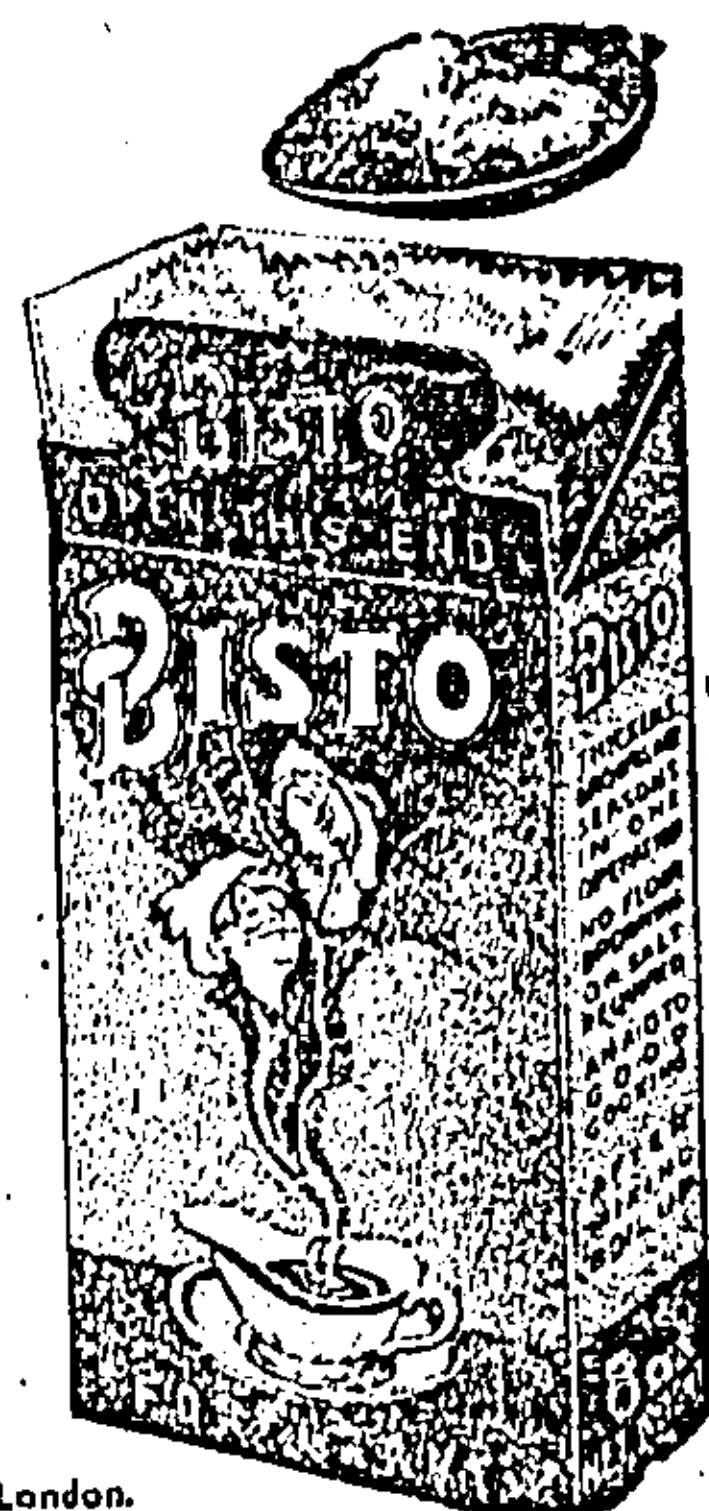
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Hush-hush trial of Army men in Colchester

Colchester, Essex, August 18.

A British parachutist sergeant and two riflemen were tried behind locked doors here today on "top secret" charges. Britain's No. 2 officer at the War Office responsible for operational strategy and planning, personally applied for evidence to be taken in secret.

The decision to hold the court-martial in secret was taken after Brigadier E.S. Lindsay, Deputy Director of Military Operations at the British War Office, said, "From the security point of view I consider that the evidence should not be given in public."

The Judge Advocate, Mr. B. K. Featherstone, Court President, said that the Brigadier's evidence was of a cogent character and if the Court was satisfied that the public hearing of the case would gravely prejudice the interests of security, directions for a private hearing could be given.

He rejected a Press request that the charges against the three men be disclosed.

American officers, and non-commissioned officers who are to give evidence at the trial waited outside the court.

Facing the undisclosed charges (being taken separately) were six-foot Sergeant Francis Arthur Elliott, aged 28, of the Somerset Light Infantry, who wore a paratrooper's wings, and Riflemen Eric Smith and James John Connolly.

Mystery witness

It was expected here that the court's findings would be made public.

It was understood that 12 prosecution and four defence witnesses would appear in the Elliott case.

Officers of MI-5 (the British Security Service), were in court as well as an officer in civilian dress from the American Office of Special Investigation.

The first witness summoned in one case entered the locked court room carrying a despatch case marked "Top Secret". He was not identified.

Several American Air Force Officers and airmen waited to testify.

Their presence indicated that American as well as British security may be involved.

The nearest U.S. airbase is at Lakenheath, 40 miles North of Colchester.

Civil law

In the case of Sergeant Elliott alone, the court indicated that the offence alleged was against civil law.

There was no similar indication in the cases of the other two.

"From a security point of view I consider that evidence to be given in this court martial should not be made public," Brigadier Lindsay said.

The trial of Elliott began immediately. Evidence against Connolly and Smith will be heard tomorrow. —Reuters and Associated Press.

SCHIAPARELLI CLEARED

Grasse, French Riviera, August 18.

Elsa Schiaparelli, French dress designer, who was robbed of jewellery at the Villa Le Doc in Cannes on August 6, was today free to leave France if she wished.

She was told this by an examining magistrate investigating the Customs' detection of jewellery in her luggage at Nice Airport on Wednesday, when she was to fly to Tunis.

Earlier, Madame Schiaparelli told the magistrate that she thought the thieves had taken other jewellery of smaller value but, later she found that she had only mislaid these pieces.

The police who questioned her at the airport at Nice on Wednesday said that they found in her luggage some of the jewels she had reported as missing. They also accused her of failing to declare US\$1,485. —Reuters.

Brussels, August 18.

The all-Catholic Government of Premier Joseph Pholien today obtained a vote of confidence from the Senate. The vote was 88 for, 61 against and one Senator abstained. —Reuters.

Princess and daughter very well

London, August 18. Princess Elizabeth and her three-day-old daughter are still getting along very well, Court officials reported today.

Sir William Gilliat and Sir John Weir called on them again this morning but no bulletin was issued.

Princess Elizabeth's husband, Prince Philip, had 30 close friends in for a private cocktail party last night to celebrate the birth.

All the people on the island of Tristan da Cunha, a British dependency in the South Atlantic, sent congratulations to the Princess in a cable today. — Associated Press.

MURDER OF BELGIUM'S NO. 1 RED

Brussels, August 18.

The Belgian Communist Party leader, M. Julien Lahaut, was assassinated at his house at Seraing near Liege tonight.

M. Lahaut, who was a member of the Chamber of Deputies, was killed by two men.

His attackers drove up to his home in Liege Province, Eastern Belgium, in a car.

A virulent opponent of King Leopold, M. Lahaut, aged 65, caused an uproar last week when he yelled "Vive La République" while Prince Baudouin was being sworn in as Chief of State.

M. Lahaut called for the abdication of King Leopold as early as July, 1945.

On August 12 a bomb blasted the Communist Party headquarters in Central Brussels.

The demand for a "popular Republic" is one of the main planks of the Party programme.

M. Lahaut was defeated in a parliamentary vote for Vice-Presidency of the Chamber of Deputies.

Four Communist Ministers immediately resigned from the Coalition Government in protest. They returned the next day when a Socialist gave up his place as Vice-President in favour of the Communist leader.

M. Lahaut was shot in his shirt sleeves at the door of his house as he answered the knocks of two men. Their car was left with engine running.

Four shots were fired. One hit M. Lahaut in the head, three in the body. The two men then rushed to their car and escaped.

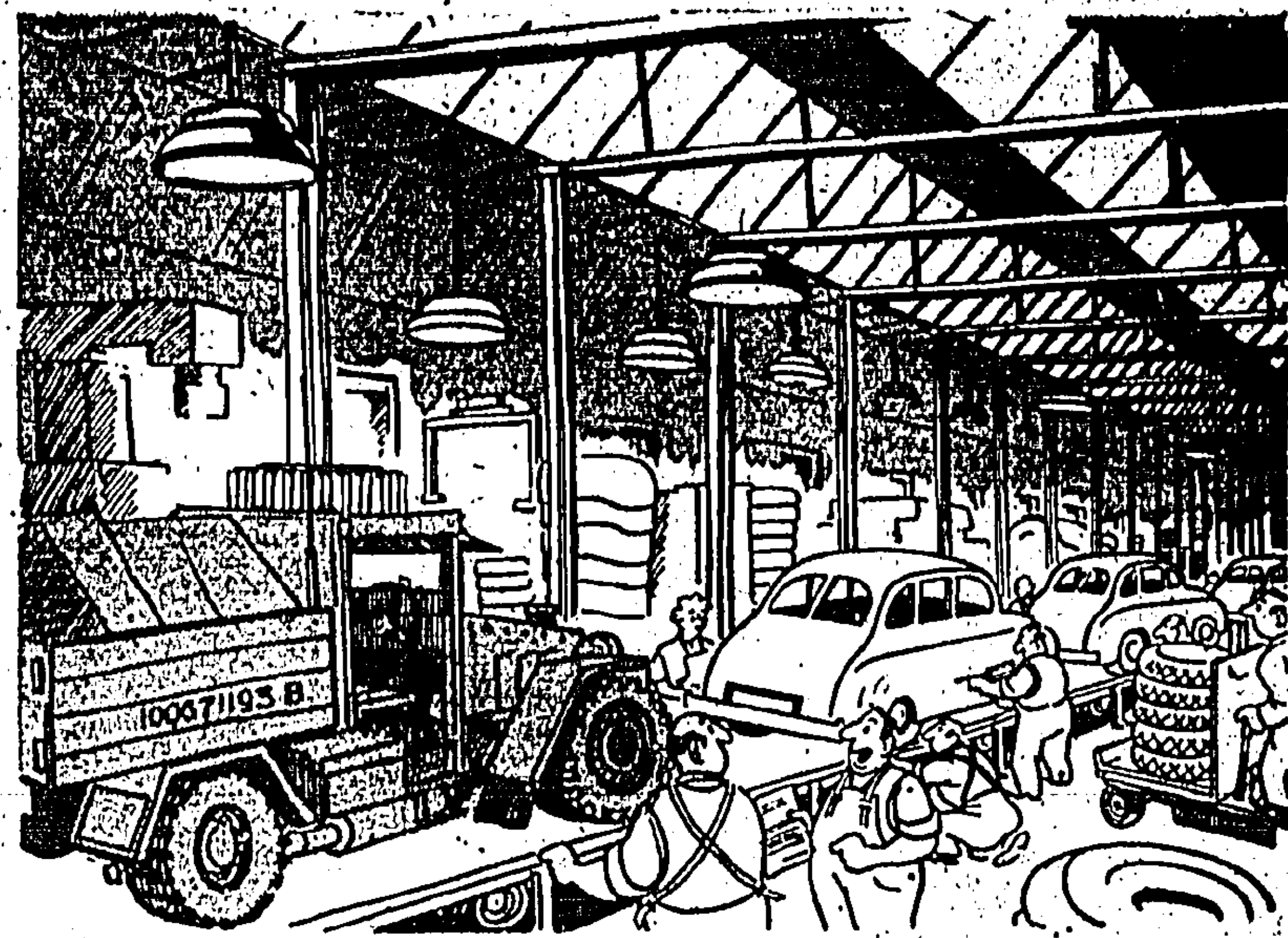
M. Lahaut stumbled for 10 steps before dying in his wife's arms.

Blood from wounds in his head and chest stained his wife's dress as she clutched him.

The police rushed up the street to burst into his home within minutes of the assassins' escape. —Reuters.

Heidelberg, August 18.

The U. S. Navy Department has "frozen" for 12 months all regular Naval enlisted personnel and suspended indefinitely acceptance of officers' resignations. It was announced here today. —Associated Press.



"Bit of hard luck for Mr. Charlie Smith, of Charlton-cum-Hardy—this is the one he ordered."

—By WOOD

Pandit Nehru's position compared with Dr. Benes

London, August 18.

The Catholic weekly review, "The Tablet," today pointed to the "ominous parallels" between the policies and careers of the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, and the late President Benes of Czechoslovakia. In an article entitled: "The Benes of Asia," "The Tablet" asserted that Mr. Nehru is "standing towards Britain as Benes stood towards the Austro-Hungarian Empire."

Farouk to marry in the spring

Deauville, August 18.

King Farouk will marry Nourin Sadik in Egypt next spring, one of the visiting monarchs' aides said today.

Karim Thabet Pasha, Press Counsellor to the Royal Palace in Cairo, made the statement while the King stood only a few yards away but out of earshot.

Thabet Pasha said there is no question of a marriage ceremony in France. He explained that the King would be married in Egypt. There had been speculation that the King might be wed during his 10-day holiday stay here. Members of the Royal Entourage knew nothing about reports that Miss Nourin Sadik was en route to Deauville from Moritz, Switzerland. —Associated Press.

RUSSIAN FURS VERBOTEN

New York, August 18.

Dock workers refused today to unload Russian furs which arrived on the British Cunard liner Mauretania.

The men, members of the American Federation of Labor International Longshoremen's Association, also voted not to handle any goods from Russia in the near future.

The furs aboard the Mauretania were valued at \$138,000. They were expected to be returned to Britain like the Russian crab-meat which dock workers refused to handle early this week after it had arrived on the British liner Parthia. —Reuters.

"This is because his point of departure was there, being pre-disposed to misunderstand the Soviet Union, to over-estimating his own influence, to imagine he inspired a respect that he did not inspire, to believe he would be left alone, and even to imagine he could play a mediator's office."

It was all too clear today, the journal said, that as the Kremlin played with Benes until they were ready to overthrow him, so Moscow and the Chinese Communists were ready to play with Pandit Nehru.

"He is very convenient to them, for he has great influence in London as well as in Asia, and it can be used to create a dilemma for British and American statesmanship in its policy towards the natural allies of the anti-Communist world, the anti-Communist Chinese."

If this policy was successful, "The Tablet" argued, Americans and Europeans could first be forced to abandon to local nationalism all that remained of their position in Asia.

HK defence

Then the Chinese Communists, with Soviet backing, could arrange in each country after country just such events as occurred in Prague.

"Now is the time when these leaders of the new-found Asiatic nationalism should themselves realise that they need, and will long continue to need, both Europe and America, the armaments, the capital, the know-how of the Western world of which Pandit Nehru is himself so distinguished a product."

"The great danger is emerging that, led by Pandit Nehru, the general attitude of non-Communist Asia is going to be: 'Leave this to us, you Europeans and Americans.'"

"When the Chinese Communists now tell the Indian Government that there is to be a fruitful tranquillity for India, the temptation to wishful thinking is likely to prove irresistible to the Indians and they will be slow to recognise that their real and necessary temporary role is to paralyze the defence of Taiwan and then of Hong Kong." —Reuters.

BRITISH PART IN KOREA

Washington, August 18.

Senator Scott Lucas, the Democratic leader, announced today that Britain had offered ground forces with at least 6,000 men to start with in the Korean fighting.

She had also ordered all naval forces in Japanese waters to take part in the struggle.

Thirteen nations had offered direct military aid to the United Nations. Norway had made available several merchant ships.

The State Department today announced the formal acceptance of Turkey's offer to send 4,500 troops to Korea.

Further discussions on the despatch of the force were now under way in Ankara.

Mr. Michael McDermott, the State Department spokesman, welcomed the concrete and valuable contribution which Turkey, as a member of the United Nations, is making in support of the Security Council's action.

Details of the Turkish offer, which was communicated to the United Nations on July 20, were discussed here by the Secretary of Defence, Mr. Louis Johnson, and the Turkish Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Melik Essendol.

It was understood that the American acceptance was notified a week ago.

The United States had previously formally accepted offers of ground troops by the Philippines and Thailand. Offers by Australia, New Zealand and Britain have been accepted in principle, but details are still being worked out. —Reuters.

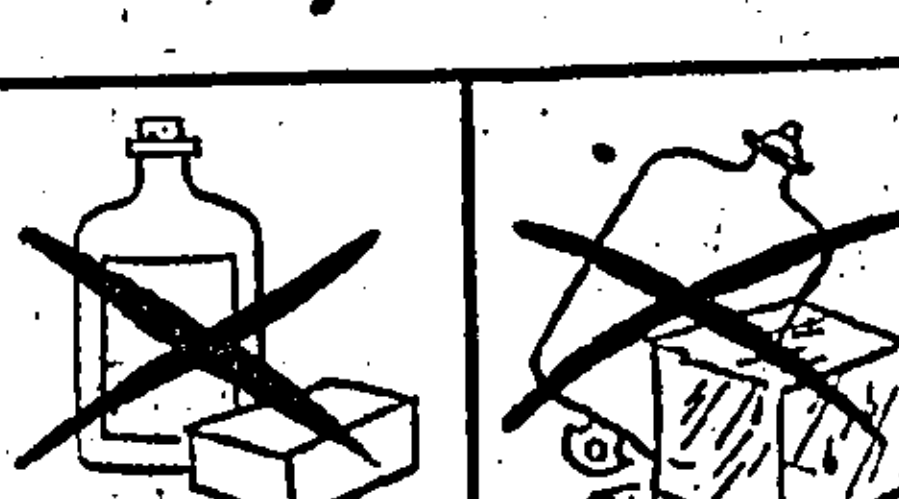
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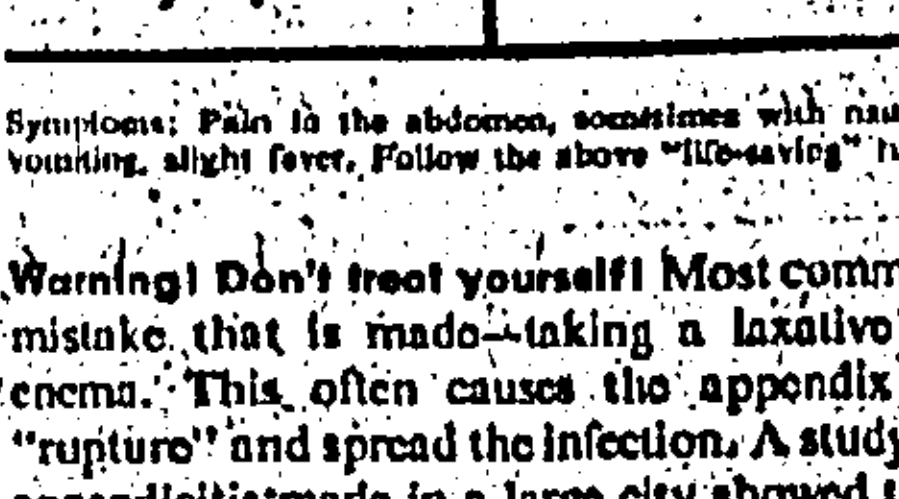
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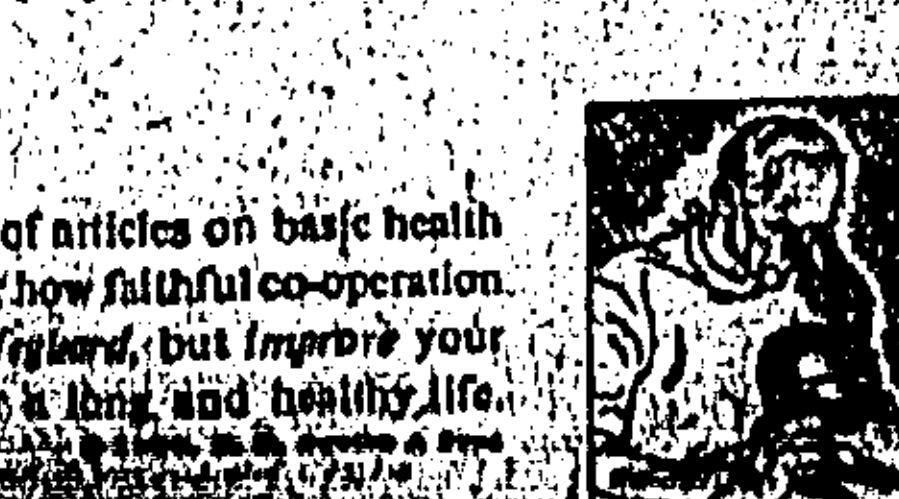
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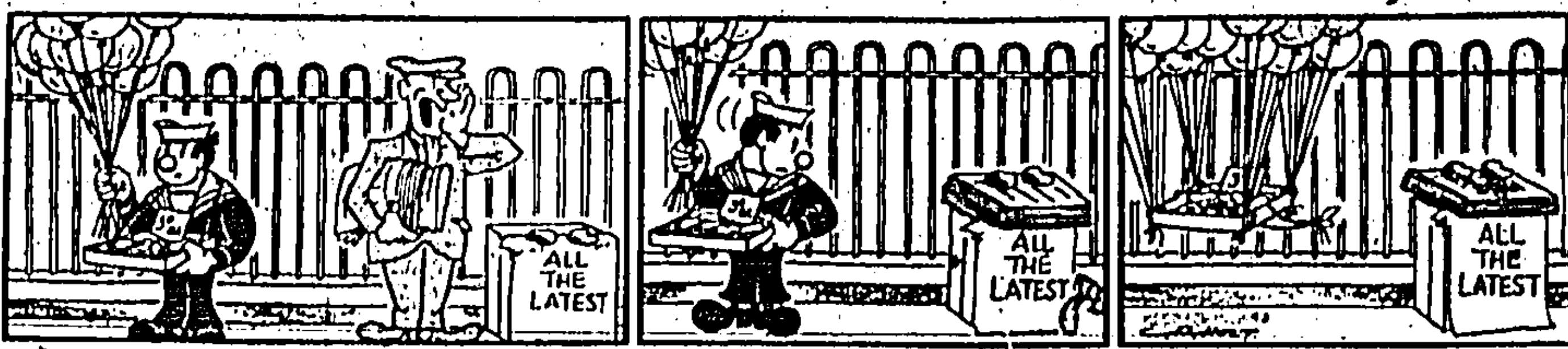
If your doctor recommends an operation, follow his advice, and don't worry. Usually the removal of an appendix is a "routine" operation which the surgeon has performed countless times, and which takes only a few minutes. And now, new drugs and modern anaesthetics assure safer operations and protection against complications. You can reasonably expect (1) a pleasant convalescence (2) release from the hospital in less than a week (3) return to normal health in less than 3 weeks!



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Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

There is a small place not far from the expensive high life and glittering elegance of the Place Vendôme; it is just about 50 miles outside Paris.

To be exact, 11 kilometres South of Fontainebleau is a charming, unspoilt little village on a river bank.

Here, at a bend in the river which is just above a weir, all day long the washerwomen kneel under a tiled roof which juts over the water's edge. Patiently and earnestly, seldom chatting among themselves, they slap and beat the clothes against the long wooden plank which just clears the running water.

The place is Montigny-sur-Loing; and, though known to Parisians, it is scarcely touched by tourists. It has an hotel, La Vierge Rouge, with restaurant garden overlooking the weir.

Here you can dine on a summer's evening, listening to the water and watching small boys stand in the shallows, quietly fishing.

On the opposite bank there is a camping ground with tents dotted over the field and among the trees. Small as it is, there is a railway station at Montigny, which makes it accessible at week-ends for those without cars.

The natural pool formed at the weir is fine for swimming, while up the river are many little chalets, hardly more than roofs with garden furniture, which are owned by families who picnic there for the day or stay overnight.

As Montigny is only 10 kilometres off the main road between Paris and the South of France, it could offer the motorist a

quiet and pleasant interlude after the dust and heat of driving all day.

And the detour is worth while if only for the delight of one particular view. This can be found by taking one of the flat-bottomed boats from the Vierge Rouge.

As you row upstream, a mere 100 yards from the hotel, you see those busy washerwomen, who nod and smile to you as you pass (if you nod and smile first).

Certainly they neither know nor care, but with their strong brown arms, tanned peasant faces, dark blue blouses, and inevitable black skirts and aprons, they are extraordinarily picturesque and timeless in quality.

Having left the main road, you may as well drive on through the charming village of La Marlotte, becoming aware, all the time, of

a growing familiarity with the landscape.

Just as you realise it is a landscape painting by Corot that you have in mind you arrive in Barbizon.

Naturally this once-upon-a-time paradise of the Barbizon School of painting is not unknown, as is Montigny, but it is an enchanting place for all that.

Almost every house, with its walled garden or courtyard full of flowers, has some claim to fame (sometimes more claim than fame).

Corot, Dintz, Millet (remember "The Gleaners"?), and Rousseau are familiar to us; we note that Robert Louis Stevenson stayed at the Hotel des Bas Breux while writing "Forest Notes".

Incidentally, if you can pay a visit, you need have no fear about accommodation. There are several good hotels.



German Reds seek a Mindszenty

A "show trial" of leading Church dignitaries in the Soviet Zone of Germany is reported to be under consideration by the Communist Government.

Church leaders have, for some months, been under increasing pressure and attacks as "agents of the imperialist Powers". But so far, the Communists, unable to find anyone suitable to play the part of a "German Mindszenty" have been unwilling to antagonise a large section of East Germany's 2,500,000 regular churchgoers just before the October 15 elections.

However, Moscow-trained Deputy Premier Walter Ulbricht is known to be anxious to stage a propaganda trial against Church leaders as soon as the elections are over.

'Spying'

He told a conference of Socialist Unity Party officials, in Leipzig some days ago, that "certain persons who call themselves missionaries and members of religious missions are visiting our republic. They are in reality nothing but American agents carrying out their task of preparing the ground for war."

"No one can blame us if we consider necessary to protect

ourselves against these activities by foreign espionage agencies."

Later he referred by name to Bishop Dibelius, head of the German Evangelical Church and Bishop of Berlin-Brandenburg.

By Antony Terry

and declared that the "curious behaviour of certain prelates during the Nazi era has been neither forgiven nor forgotten."

Ulbricht's statement was the culmination of steadily worsening relations between Communist Government and the Churches.

Last month the Prime Minister of the East Zone, Otto Grotewohl, described as "lies and calumnies" a charge made in a letter from Bishop Dibelius that the East Government had issued secret orders to police officials not to attend church services.

'Agitators'

The Bishop also protested against anti-religious instruction now being given to children in Soviet Zone schools, and against the use of school history books which deny that Christ ever lived.

Meanwhile, for the purpose of election propaganda, Communists have ordered the Socialist Unity

Party to try to enrol as many Protestant and Catholic clergy as possible under the peace slogans of the Communist "National Front."

So far fewer than a dozen have responded. Zone President, Wilhelm Pieck, addressing Party officials recently, demanded increased efforts to "split the clergy from their leaders, who are using their position and their money to agitate against us."

He said it would be quite easy to win over the clergy "providing we make a big play of our love of peace," and added that the Government did not wish a direct conflict with the churches "just at the present moment."

To speak out

Both Protestant and Catholic Church authorities who have been most careful to avoid saying anything which might worsen the situation now believe the Communists intend to stage a "show trial" of religious leaders as soon as the elections are over, and the Communists are assured of their usual "overwhelming majority."

For this reason, the Churches mean to use the three months left before polling day to make their position clear to the public, before the gag is applied, as it was in Czechoslovakia.

GERMANY'S PART IN EUROPEAN DEFENCE

Only Russia's designs upon Europe and Mr. Churchill's urgent determination to frustrate them were able to force the Strasbourg Assembly to assert itself, usefully.

Many people at home are always wondering how it is that their countrymen have abroad acquired a reputation for hypocrisy. If such people had been at Strasbourg they might have wondered no longer.

The virtues, which need not be disputed, of our unwritten Constitution and our so-called "pragmatic approach" have been sung ad nauseam by almost every British speaker during the general debate which followed the opening of the second European Assembly.

Yet at the same time and in the same city the representatives of the Socialist Government have been fighting desperately to keep to the strict letter of the written statute of the Council of Europe drawn up last year.

Then the Socialists did not wish the Assembly to be representative. Now they complain of its unrepresentativeness and think that for that reason they should ignore it.

Lucky choice

While H.M. Government's representatives on both sides of the Atlantic, supported by opinion at home unanimously in favour of changing the United Nations' Charter, do their best to expose Russian obstructionism and to circumvent the power of the veto, its representatives here have been out-Maliking Malik in their determination to use the statute and its Ministerial veto power to obstruct the clear wishes of the great majority of Europe's Parliamentarians and their desire to contribute more actively to the unity and the defence of Europe.

Whatever may be one's views on the Russian political crisis and the far from admirable part played in it by the two principal individuals opposing each other, the Assembly must count itself lucky in its choice of M. Spaak as its President for the second year in succession.

Indeed the events in Belgium, perhaps particularly well illustrated M. Spaak's desire and capacity to remain at the active head of its forces whatever the circumstances and wherever they are going. These, perhaps rightly, were not held by M. Spaak to have been admirable signs in King Leopold in 1940, but there is not the slightest doubt that they are both valuable and essential qualities at the present time in a President of the European Assembly.

Britain's veto

But for M. Spaak, whose approach often seems so much more "pragmatic" than a Briton's, the Assembly would have had grave difficulty in fulfilling any purpose at all.

For if Mr. Ernest Bevin or his deputy is invariably in a minority, and often in a minority of one, the Committee of Ministers, that body works under a unanimity rule, which permits Britain to use or abuse its power of veto as it chooses.

As a result, the more Liberal and European-minded Tories have suffered from the odium the Socialist policy has brought with it.

We must try, however, to be fair to Mr. Bevin, particularly at

a time when he is reported to be about to relinquish the task for which he has proved himself most signally unfitted.

Bevin's opposition

The fact that the only interpretation that can possibly be put on every action of his European policy in the past three years is that he has sought by every means in his power, first to prevent the creation of and secondly, to hamper or prevent the useful functioning of, a European Assembly, is not in itself a European integration of a kind.

He has wished, however, for it to be carried on at the same leisurely pace of his own intellect, solely within the orbit of the many governmental and expert bodies which already thrive on the international body politic.

He has not understood the European psychology, or the need, far better understood by the American allies on whom he prefers to rely, for Europe, through the agency of a Parliament to some extent the master as well as the arbiter of European affairs, to participate in events hitherto too obviously dominated from outside.

Mr. Bevin and his Socialist colleagues, having invented a supposedly irreconcilable quarrel between existing agencies, commissions and boards, working away from public or parliamentary scrutiny, and the Strasbourg idea, have very nearly managed to make that quarrel a real one.

There are, however, Socialists, prominent among whom here has been Mr. Maurice Edelman, who while supporting their Government's obstruction of a European Parliament with effective power, however limited, are urging extremely bold and practical measures of European action for saving peace and prosperity outside it.

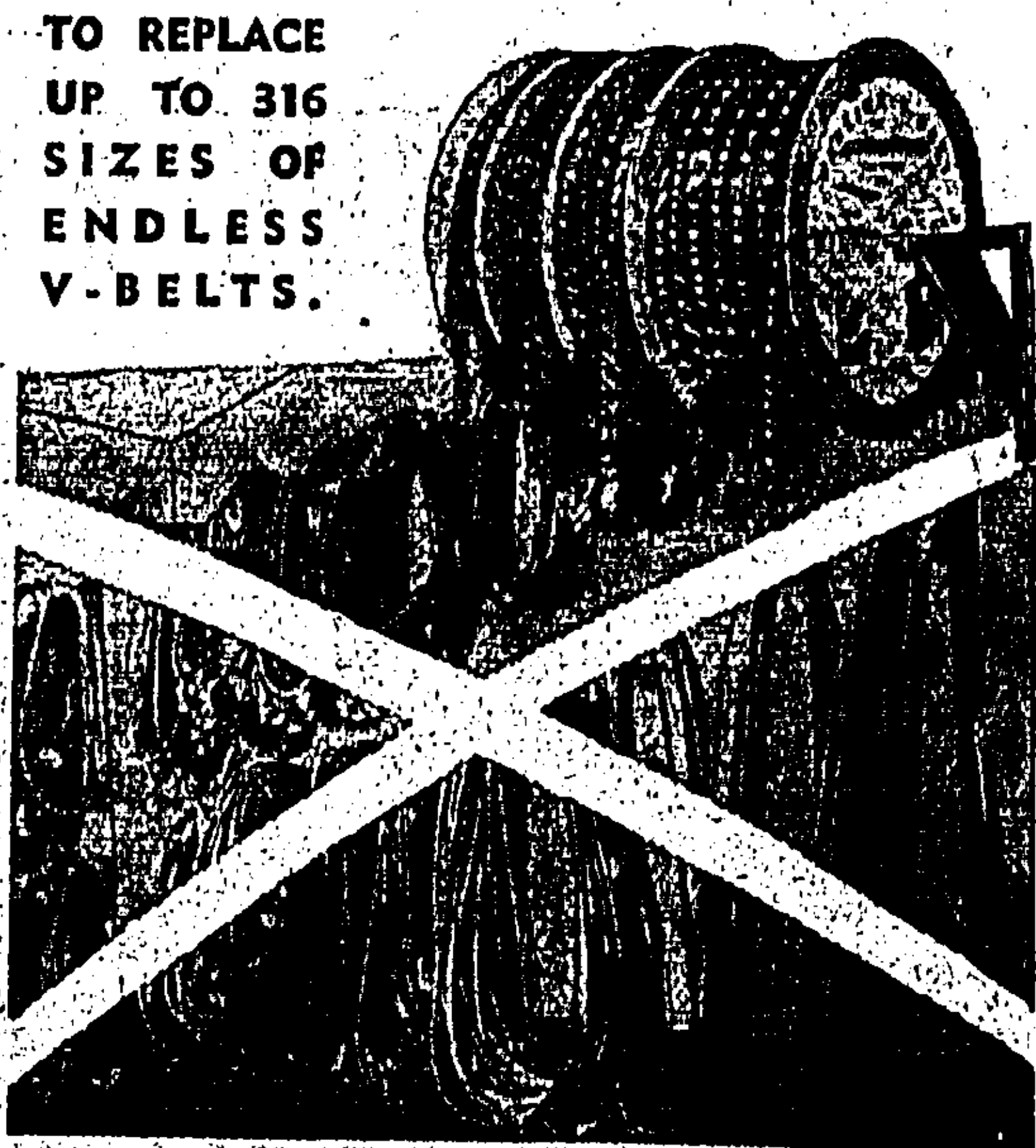
If their advice were to be taken, much might still be done. But the tremendous and lasting psychological gain which would come from a really active and constructive European Parliament would be lost. If Europe is to be "boastful" instead of "united," the Assembly will remain purely consultative as at present.

Yet even this would not be a total loss or waste of time. For without any alteration in the statute it was nevertheless possible for defence to be discussed in the Assembly and for Mr. Churchill to secure by it the pass-

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Behind the political scene

By Alastair Forbes



"I've just delivered calling up papers to the guy at No. 16."

ing of a resolution to create immediately a European army under unified command to be built up for defence against threats of Russian aggression.

The impact of this resolution upon the Government and its encouragement to free and enslaved peoples cannot be underestimated. It cannot fail to feed and increase the scope of the action now being discussed between the Atlantic Powers.

Rousing Germany

The resolution brought a note of reality in the proceeding which Socialist precaution and obstruction might otherwise have made ridiculous in the eyes of European peoples looking for leadership in the face of imminent danger.

It may have the effect of rousing the Western Germans to a sense of their responsibility for their own defence alongside their fellow-Europeans.

No Supreme American Commander, no Joint Chiefs of Staff could successfully undertake the defence of Europe without German military manpower and resources at their disposal.

The sacrifice

It is neither desirable nor likely that these will become available except for a truly European army, commanded no doubt by an American, and certainly supported by strong American forces in battle readiness on the Continent.

Mr. Churchill, aware that a successful Russian invasion would leave no recognisable European life to be liberated has put his fellow-Europeans face-to-face with the desperate urgency of the hour. By doing so, he has helped to salvage the good name both of Britain and of Strasbourg.

His initiative will require support and sacrifices at home on a port and scale that any yet envisaged in Mr. Attlee's inadequate proposals to save the peace he did nothing for five long years to secure.

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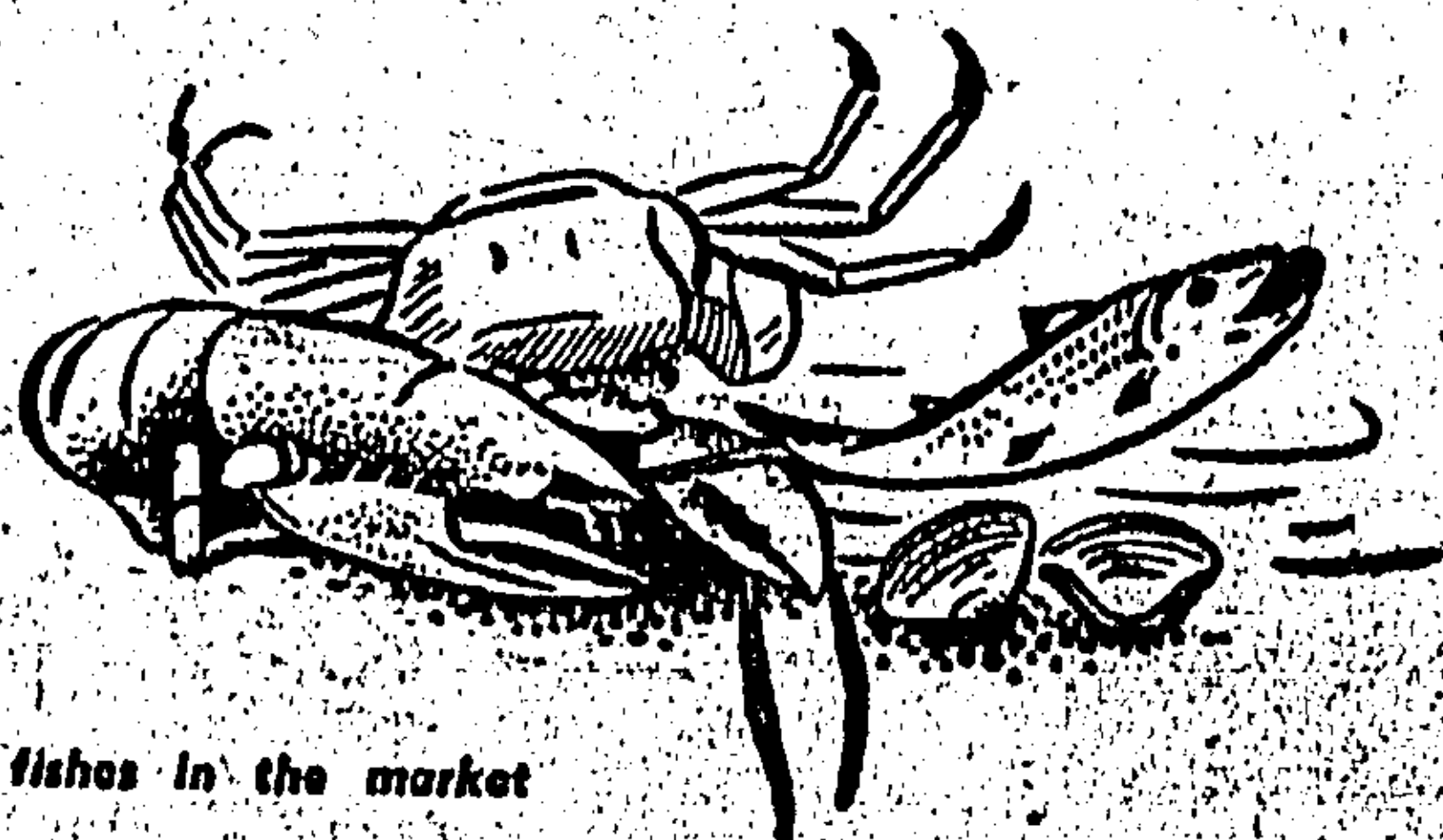
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Distinguished journalist

The nations of the West are awakening to the challenge of Communism in Asia, and will provide an answer that more than meets the subtle promptings of Marxism.

This is the opinion of one of Britain's most distinguished journalists, Mr. Frank Owen, star columnist of Lord Beaverbrook's mass-circulation paper, the "Daily Express," who is now in Hong Kong on a tour of the Far East.

I met Mr. Owen on Friday at the air-cooled flat of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's legal adviser, Mr. J. R. Jones, and in the course of an interview Mr. Owen said it is his considered belief that all is not lost in Asia.

He has reached this conclusion after a tour of all Far Eastern trouble spots, with the exception of Korea, which he will visit this week.



Mr. Frank Owen

His findings have been, and are being, cabled to London where they appear twice or three times a week in his internationally-syndicated column.

Mr. Owen is no apologist for Communism. He has been to Russia, and maintains that the peasant there is not having any better a time than the peasant in Czarist days, and the tyranny at the top is perhaps the most brutal in history.

But his travels have convinced him that the appeal of Communism is subtle and brilliant, and will not be defeated unless and until the West devises a better answer for Asia's starving millions than the bankrupt contention that democracy must be maintained.

People who have never had democracy know only one sort of appeal. Mr. Owen said. They will respond only to the availability of food. In this era of fading imperialism, the advantage lies with the Communists who know how to exploit latent nationalism. Were the West to offer a programme of Asiatic social advancement—without an accompaniment of either Communism or Imperialism—Mr. Owen does not believe that the overtone would be rejected by the Orient's intelligentsia.

Communism does seem to point the way to a better life for Asia's millions, but it is not the best answer. Imperialism is dead and is no answer at all.

The problem resolves to this: A way must be found to provide all the amenities promised by Communism—the food, the equality, the end of exploitation—

without the surrender of any of the liberties of the mind and body which acceptance of Communism automatically entails.

Pressed by me for a statement, Mr. Owen said: "The appeal of Communism is powerful and brilliant. When it is directed to the masses of people who have nothing to eat, who sleep in hovels, it is almost irresistible."

"The West realises that factors which promote Communism do indeed exist. We have statesmen in the West who know this part of the world is heaving and rumbling, and I have no doubt that even at this late date they are awakening to the dangers."

Of Communist China, Mr. Owen said it is his belief that the regime of Mao Tse-tung will not be scrapped in a hurry. He added: "The destiny of China is not permanent alignment with Soviet Russia. Historically and traditionally this great country should ever towards the South-East Asian bloc of maritime nations."

How the West treated China today, he said, was of the utmost importance in regard to the ultimate connection.

He deplored the present Anglo-American controversy over Taiwan, but declined to comment on its more sinister implications.

On the road for some weeks now, Mr. Owen has visited Malaya, French Indo-China, and Indonesia.

He arrived in Hong Kong last Wednesday, and prolonged his stay to learn a little more of this outpost of Empire in the Far East. His appraisal of Hong Kong boils down to this: It is important as a trading centre, and will thrive as such provided there is a maximum of goodwill on both sides. If there is no goodwill, there is no trade—and the rocks of Hong Kong, the final analysis, are not worth anything.

Of Korea he said that from his knowledge of the way the Americans did things in the second world war, he was convinced that even if they were pushed into the sea within the next few weeks, they would ultimately return.

In the Far East the West, under American leadership, was walking on a tight-rope; but things were not altogether hopeless, because unseeing eyes were finally being made to observe. The Korean flare-up projected these dangers to the forefront—in some ways it was the one incentive needed to restore realism to hackneyed thinking.

"I do not think there will be a general upheaval," Mr. Owen declared with emphasis.

Witty and remarkably alert, he answered my questions with a great deal of sincerity and genuine awareness of the inherent problem lurking beneath the mist of surface complexities.

He has been a journalist all his life, with the exception of a brief period as a Member of Parliament, and during the war when he was in the Army for four and a half years, emerging as a Lieutenant-Colonel. He was awarded the OBE in 1946.

Born in Hereford, near the Welsh border, he went to the Monmouth Grammar School, and from there to Cambridge, where he studied at the Sydney Sussex College. Much before his time Oliver Cromwell preferred Sydney Sussex College, too, he said.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By The SCRIBE

His first newspaper job was with the "South Wales Argus." After a meeting with Lloyd George he resigned to accompany the wily politician to London where he worked in Lloyd George's organisation as a journalist. In 1929 he fought the general elections as a Liberal for his home town and won the seat, becoming the youngest MP of the day.

He lost this seat in 1931 and resumed his career as a newspaperman by joining the "Daily Express" as a reporter. This job paid more, at £10 a week, than what he earned as a Member of Parliament. After a while he wrote the editorials for the "Express," and then went to Spain as a correspondent to cover the civil war.

At the end of 1938 Lord Beaverbrook appointed him editor of the "Evening Standard" a post which he kept for three years. The war came, and his career was interrupted.

However, true to his newspaperman's instincts, he accepted a commission when in Burma to start the "Forces" newspaper, "SEAC," which he edited for two and a half years. The Japanese surrender brought an end to "SEAC's" publication.

After demobilisation he went back to the "Daily Mail" and worked on the paper as a columnist for six months. His job was to comment on what was going on. The column appeared once a week, and was widely read. Then came the editorship of the "Mail," which he maintained for three years, until his resignation recently over differences with Lord Rothermere.

Mr. Owen is 45 years of age, and has an American wife. They have no children.

Going to South Africa

A future in South Africa is being planned by Miss Loretta Gil-Pereira, who is temporarily staying in Hong Kong with her mother. Miss Gil-Pereira is a refugee from North China, and comes from Shanghai, where she was born 18 years ago.

She was one of the General Gordon evacuees. She came here with her mother last October, after having lived for a few months under the Communists in Shanghai. Mr. Gil-Pereira is still in that city, and will probably remain there until the beginning of next year when he will join his family in Hong Kong prior to proceeding on family to South Africa for permanent residence.

Miss Gil-Pereira reflects her mixture of Italian and Portuguese blood. She has large blue eyes and a pert nose. Her youth is evident in her dismissal of contemporary problems as the least of her worries, but she is not giddy or flighty.

In a talk with me the other day she said she is keen on dress-making, and when she gets to South Africa will make that her profession. She studied this when she came to Hong Kong, and is already so proficient that she no longer depends on tailors to cut

and sew her dresses. She makes them all herself.

Miss Gil-Pereira says she misses her friends in Shanghai, many of whom have now been scattered all over the face of the globe. The set she used to mix with in the famed city grew up under the handicap of recurrent wars, and for her part she had lived within the shadow of ward and rumours of wars all her life.

From her point of view Hong Kong provides many amenities, but the attitude of the people here is mostly strange to her. She finds the younger set here very calculating and shrewd, full of prejudices and almost impossible to know intimately.

She is studious, and is fond of reading. Good books give her a better time than movies, but she is not so addicted to dull pursuits that she is unable to appreciate the jests of Bob Hope or the love-making of Robert Taylor.

She dissociates herself from the realm of the bobby-soxer with considerable passion. When I asked her if she belongs to the type of modern girl who enjoys wearing blue jeans multi-coloured socks, and a T-shirt, Miss Gil-Pereira said that even in the wildest parts of the American Wild West she would not affect such garments. They provide no credit at all to womanhood—rather, they reflect bad taste.



Miss Loretta Gil-Pereira

Miss Gil-Pereira studied at the Santa Sophia School in Shanghai, and until the war forced her to make the trip to Hong Kong, she had never travelled abroad. A relative resides in South Africa, whom her mother visited two years ago. Mrs. Gil-Pereira's subsequent report of conditions there has persuaded the head of the family to sever his China connections for residence there instead.

She says that her father's letters to her are beginning to speak again of inflation, and the difficulty of securing apartments without paying key-money. But they do not suggest that prices are getting out of hand.

There is an element of pathos in Miss Gil-Pereira's story. But for the Chinese civil war the family would have been content to remain permanently in Shanghai. Its eruption, however, has set in motion a chain of events which began with their escape from a lost city, and will culminate with their emigration to a new land.

Will they make good in South Africa? Miss Gil-Pereira confided to me that no place in the world would ever replace Shanghai for her, but sheer necessity is the main propellant. And for that there is no alternative.

Mei Lan-fan's counterpart

One of Dr. Mei Lan-fan's students, Miss Chao Hung-ying, is being acclaimed by the local Chinese Press as the best exponent of the type of theatrical role which the world-famous

female impersonator has transformed into a high art.

Hero is a very difficult assignment. She must impersonate a female impersonator, being a female herself. It is almost like gliding the lily, but according to those reports, she is acquitting herself with honours.

Miss Chao dances in the exclusive local theatres which feature



Miss Chao Hung-ying

the Peking drama, and seeing her performance the other night, I felt bound to concede that she did an admirable job. She put into her role that indefinable quality of "beautiful boyishness" without which no female impersonator in the Chinese stage can hope to succeed.

She succeeded in alienating herself from her normal attributes, and then recapturing them with slight affectation, so that seeing her act one felt bound to say: "She's not a woman; she's a man taking a woman's part."

A few years ago at a charity performance in Shanghai I saw the famous Mei Lan-fan dance. All the world knows how marvelously well he does his job; the tremendous amount of coquetry he imparts to his roles is impossible to describe—the twist of the wrist, the fluttering of eye-lashes, the high-pitched falsetto voice.

Miss Chao imitates him superbly. She belongs to his school of thought, and her debut according to one section of the Chinese Press—presages the end of female impersonation, because more and more people are inclined to regard the profession with disfavour. As the emancipation of the Chinese spirit progresses further afield, female actresses will come to play the roles designed for the female.

Miss Chao made her debut on the Shanghai stage when she was still a pupil of Dr. Mei Lan-fan. The Press immediately acclaimed her as a very capable exponent of a great art.

She performs with great beauty and dignity the famous Mei Lan-fan gesture of moving his labyrinthine sleeves up and down, like the flapping of a butterfly's wings.

Quislings and their fate

News comes from Norway of a report on "Quislings and Their Punishment."

Since the war ended, more than 20,000 traitors have been tried in Norway for having aided the Germans either as members of Quisling's party—or as independent informers.

The worst offenders, states the report, were rightly executed and another 300 received sentences ranging from eight years to life imprisonment. Some 20,000 received shorter sentences and 35,000 were fined and deprived of the right to vote or enter certain professions.

Were these latter sentences severe enough? This is the question posed by the report and the answer apparently lies in the fact that although thousands of the Quislings are now home again, the lives they lead are made miserable by public suspicion and contempt.

Not long ago when Chiang Kai-shek was visiting in temporary retirement at his native town of Fenghua he invited her to visit him and to give a few performances. Later he said her talents delighted him.

Miss Chao has danced on the stage for 10 years, but has only made one screen play.

Her beauty is essentially Northern—strong, clean features. She is tall and stately, and walks with infinite grace.

Lawyer turned photographer

Mr. Sun Chie-ying is a young Northerner who originally planned to take up law as a career, but has since become a successful professional photographer.

A graduate of the Central China College of Law, Mr. Sun makes his home in Hong Kong, and is President of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Society of Photographic Research.

His latest undertaking is the special photo service at Kai Tak Airport, which he opened recently.

Mr. Sun has had an interesting career. He has done many things in his young life, the most notable of which is photography. The years he devoted to leading a troupe of theatrical players across Free China during the Japanese war to lift sagging morale.

Mr. Sun married a famous Chinese dramatic actress in 1944, and is the father of two children. His interest in photography began after his children were born, when he endeavoured to



Mr. Sun Chie-ying

record their growing years in pictures. Friendships he made with other photographers quickened this interest, so that before long he was buying big cameras, photographic implements, cameras, and so on.

Press photography is one of his hobbies. He is regarded in Chinese Press circles as something of an expert in this line, and when he was in Shanghai he was elected an honorary member of the All-China Society of Journalists, Press Photography Section.

One married woman who worked as a typist for the enemy has served her sentence but now wishes that she was still in prison. Her family avoids her and she finds it almost impossible to keep a job longer than a few weeks.

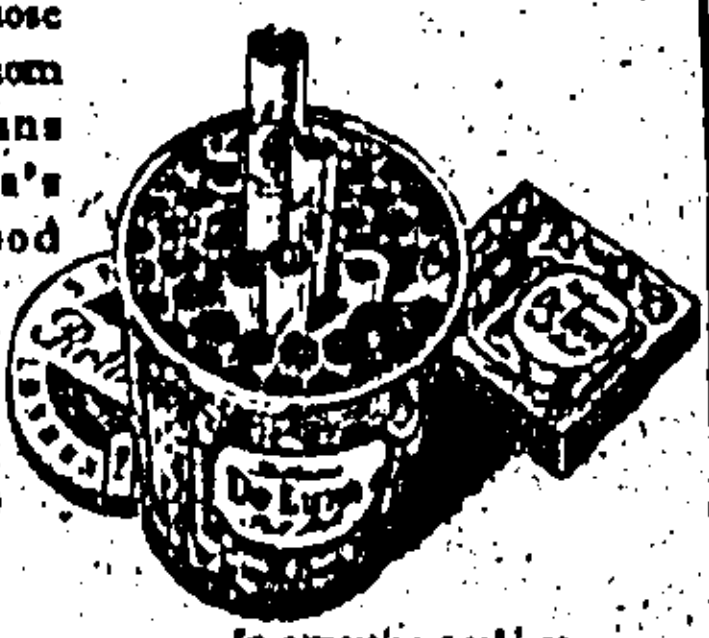
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Untold Tales of London

Outrage on the witches' sabbath

By Felix Barker

At the sign of the Three Tuns candles were burning late. It was past midnight and the constable and his watch making their way up Fleet Street heard the clinking of glasses, loud laughter and snatches of song from inside the tavern.

They carefully ignored the disturbance. Evidently the young gentlemen of the Middle Temple and Lincoln's Inn chose to make night horrible, it was in accordance with ancient custom.

Inside the Three Tuns only James Bery, vintner and landlord, was not enjoying the party. If glasses were empty for a moment Will Lower banged on the oak table and called for more wine. The night was soaring and Bery felt worried. Would he ever see the colour of the young gentleman's money?

It had seemed an excellent idea just a year ago, to invite Lower and his friend Lewis Meredith to lodge at the Three Tuns—a shrewd stroke of business. Both had been expelled from the Middle Temple where they were studying law for "divers outrageous misdemeanours" but this disgrace had only added to their already considerable popularity. He was sure they would bring student trade to the tavern.

Lord of misrule

The expulsion of Lower and Meredith had been sudden and unexpected, and there were many who considered that the Benchers had been unduly harsh. After all, they had only been guilty of organising the "rag" which had been enjoyed for many years in the Middle Temple.

In what men with long memories called "the old days"—they were thinking of the years just after Queen Elizabeth had come to the Throne—there had always been large-scale festivities when Commons were continued over the Christmas holidays.

Plays and masques were performed; "Gorboduc" had seen its first performance there in the Christmas of 1581; and to raise money for the merry-making there had always been appointed a Lord of Misrule.

The Lord of Misrule also held sway at Candlemas. Candlemas on February 2 was, like May-eve,

Lammas, and All Hallow E'en, a "witches' sabbath" calling for celebrations which only ended at dawn.

It also needed money to pay for them, and perhaps the Lord of Misrule had become too ruthless in his methods for in November, 1584, the Masters of the Bench had enacted "that no outcries in the night be made nor chambers broken open by any gentleman of this House as by the Lord of Candlemas night or suchlike mischief upon pain of putting out of Commons for such offence."

Forbidden ruffs

The rule had coincided with a dress regulation which forbade the wearing of ruffs or velvet facings on gowns. Both were intolerable restrictions, younger men felt, imposed by elders who had forgotten their own youths.

It had been in the August, four years after the introduction of these regulations, that Will Lower, a young man from Cornwall, had been admitted to the Middle Temple, and among those with whom he became friendly was another student from the West Country, Lewis Meredith of Slaughter in Devon.

Both men were determined to revive the Candlemas festivities and the traditional method of raising money for them. So it came about that on February 2, 1590—exactly a year before the party at the Three Tuns—they had organised a raid on various chambers and levied the "Lord of Misrule's rent" on the occupants.

Unfortunately one of the rooms into which Lower and his friends broke was that of Richard Johnson, Esq., a Benchers of three years' standing, who not only refused to pay but reminded them with some asperity of the rules of the Inn. This was too much for Lower, who roundly abused him with what was afterwards described as "reproachful and contemptuous words."

A solemn parliament of the Masters of the Bench followed, and Johnson demanded the severest penalty for Lower and his friend Meredith. Both were

expelled. Seven others who took part in the rag were fined £20.

It was then that Will Lower and Lewis Meredith packed their books and moved to the Three Tuns.

It meant that they were only a few hundred yards away from their friends, and equally close to the Benchers when they now regarded as their enemies. From the day they took lodgings at the tavern they began to plot their revenge.

At first, James Bery had been all smiles and bows and had waved aside any talk of settlement of account. It was enough that since their arrival the Three Tuns, of all the taverns whose signs jostled each other in Fleet-street, had become the recognised rendezvous for the gay sparks of the Middle Temple.

Debtor's feast

Only lately had the landlord become worried. He had given Lower and Meredith lodging and did not for so long without payment that, as he said, "they owed him more than he expected them to pay by any lawful means."

Also he had begun to hear rumours from other tradesmen. John Malpas, a tailor for one; and both Zachariah Wood and Richard Atkinson, saddlers, had told him that they had bills outstanding.

So when in the week before Candlemas, 1591, Lower had approached him about a party to entertain his friends and former colleagues as well as students from Lincoln's Inn, he had felt forced to demand that his account should be settled.

Lower told him to have no fears. The day after Candlemas all should be paid. Only let there be as much good wine as last year and a right excellent meal. James Bery hoped for the best and got out his valuable plate for the occasion.

When the party was over and the last of the guests from Lincoln's Inn had staggered up the cobble of Chancery-lane and others had fallen into their beds in the Middle Temple, Lower, sitting flushed and drowsy among the dirty glasses, called Bery and asked for the account of every thing that he owed.

Daring rag

It was a large sum. With all his debts to other tradesmen Lower reckoned he would need at least £20. He could not prevent an ironical smile at the thought of how he proposed to get it.

Before they had left he had whispered his plan to his most trusted friends, and all had agreed to help him. So, too, did several tradesmen—among them his creditors—when he unfolded it to them later that day.

Between 11 p.m. and midnight all those whom Lower had invited met again at the Three Tuns. To each he gave fancy dress and disguises, many of them mementoes of the escapade which had cost him his legal career the previous year.

There were false beards, vizards, fantastic masks and monstrous noses. Some assumed the strange guise of animals. Nearly all wore highly-coloured costumes. As for Will Lower—he selected forbidden costume of the Lord of Misrule.

Among the spirited students of the Middle Temple who were

prepared to risk expulsion to take part in the daring rag were Tom Palmer, his Northamptonshire friend Osceley, Tom Winterflood and William Fleetwood, whose father, Sergeant Fleetwood, was a famous figure at the Bar.

Also pulling on their costumes and adjusting their masks were John Davies, who had just come down from Queen's College, Oxford, and Richard Martin, to whom with undergraduate enthusiasm Davies had once dedicated a poem calling him "Mine own self-better half, my dearest friend."

Accompanying them were a number of young men of the town—tailors, carpenters, ostlers and apprentices—who swelled the band which, "with trumpets and plenty of light," roared down Middle Temple-lane.



"Approved in a night-gown... was greeted by Lower, who was brandishing an axe."

that February night with the Lord of Misrule at its head.

Will Lower had armed them: with axes, sledgehammers, iron bars and "other instruments of outrage" to break down doors that were not promptly opened to his knock.

To make his revenge complete he had carefully selected the chambers of "ancients"—those Benchers who had demanded his expulsion—for attack. Let favouring neophytes call them "gentlemen of so great worship, such gravity and wisdom!" He would see that they paid the Lord of Misrule's "ransom" or else had their chambers wrecked!

Miles Sandes, Esq., was in bed and asleep when he heard a violent knocking on his door. Attorney and Coroner in the Court of King's Bench and for the previous three years Treasurer of the Middle Temple he was well over 60 and took his time about get-

ting up to answer. Lower was impatient. He forced the door and when the outraged, law-abiding son of a J.P. and brother of the Archbishop of York appeared in a nightgown he was greeted by Lower who was brandishing an axe. He had to pay five shillings.

One wild night

Benchers after Benchers was roused from his bed, threatened and "fined" by the Lord of Misrule and his followers. From the rooms of James Morys they stole a green rug coverlet; John Thurley was forced to surrender his cloak, a pair of stockings, and five shillings; another five shillings was extorted from Richard Lewkenor, the sober Recorder of Chichester.

Goods and furniture were stolen and in chambers, once rifled, the doors were left open, thereby exposing the papers and "evidence of the owner's clients to the danger of spill of anyone who might chance to come in."

For Will Lower the wild night was a complete success. When he came to count up the "ransoms" he found he had a full £20 with which to pay his debts; there was even a little left over for "riot and surfelting."

Robbed, outraged, and their rules flouted, the Benchers took immediate action. Disguise had been insufficient to mask some members of the Inn and they were able to identify nine of them. They were dealt with by the parliament.

To convict the "disolute and disordered persons" like Lower and Meredith who were outside the jurisdiction of the Inn, Miles Sandes took action in the Star Chamber. But the two ringleaders seem to have escaped.

No trace of their answers or interrogatories exist and it would appear that their debts and an old score settled they slipped out of London and vanished in the remote fastness of the West Country.

How they fared

Whatever the verdicts of the Star Chamber, those of the parliament of the Middle Temple were definite enough. They were announced in the Great Hall just a week after the riot.

Six members were expelled, including William Fleetwood (who, however, was restored later at the special request of his father) and John Davies. Davies' friend Martin and two others were ordered "out of Commons during the pleasure of Masters and Benchers."

Of all who took part in that riot of that memorable Candlemas two, Martin and Davies, lived to prove that wild youth does not necessarily portend a useless future.

John Davies subsequently became M.P. for Corfe Castle, Sergeant-at-Law and was knighted after his appointment as Attorney-General for Scotland.

As for Richard Martin, he was to be M.P. for Barnstaple and Recorder of London. He it was who was chosen by the Sheriff of London to be their spokesman and welcome King James to the capital after his journey from Scotland in 1603.

This former subject of the Lord of Misrule hailed him as "the bright Star of the North born for our good out of the ashes of the Phoenix."

Some knotty problems

The annual report of a Chamber of Commerce would not stand out as an example of interesting reading but Bertrand Mycock shows that the report of the London Chamber of Commerce is packed with interesting data.

This body, founded in 1882, now has more than 15,000 members belonging to business firms within a 20-mile radius of the City. The Chamber is a clearing house of information about trade of every kind and in an average day 450 people ring up to ask for information or a bewildering variety of topics.

Where, said one inquirer, could he get the ears of cattle, necessary to provide fine hair for making a special type of brush? "What," said a second, "is a sar-dine?" Here can I get canvas water-carrying bags for the desert? said a third, while a fourth wished to know the terms for hiring elephants in Burma. Apart from answering queries from people in Britain the Chamber also does a great deal of work for exporters and last year it handled more than 4,000 letters of enquiry from abroad. It also has more than 50 different trade sections and its Education Department which conducts

exams for the thousands of young people who wish to forge ahead in commerce.

Another department of the organisation wrestles with the manifold complexities of taxation and last year it discovered that the lay figures which stand out so alluringly in shop windows draped with "The Latest" from Paris were subject to a purchase tax of 100 per cent if they stopped short at the chest. If they extravagantly went on to include both legs and arms they were tax free. The Chamber took up this matter of unfair discrimination with the authorities and eventually managed to free the whole persons of the ladies and gentlemen displaying "The Latest." Hidden in the statistics of the report, as Mycock found when he waded through it, are little human stories. His favourite was the tale of the member who was refused a licence to import three second-hand typewriters from his own branch in South Africa. It was discovered that the reason the South African branches wanted to send the typewriters was because they could not read the London order sheets which were typed on such very antique and almost illegible machines.

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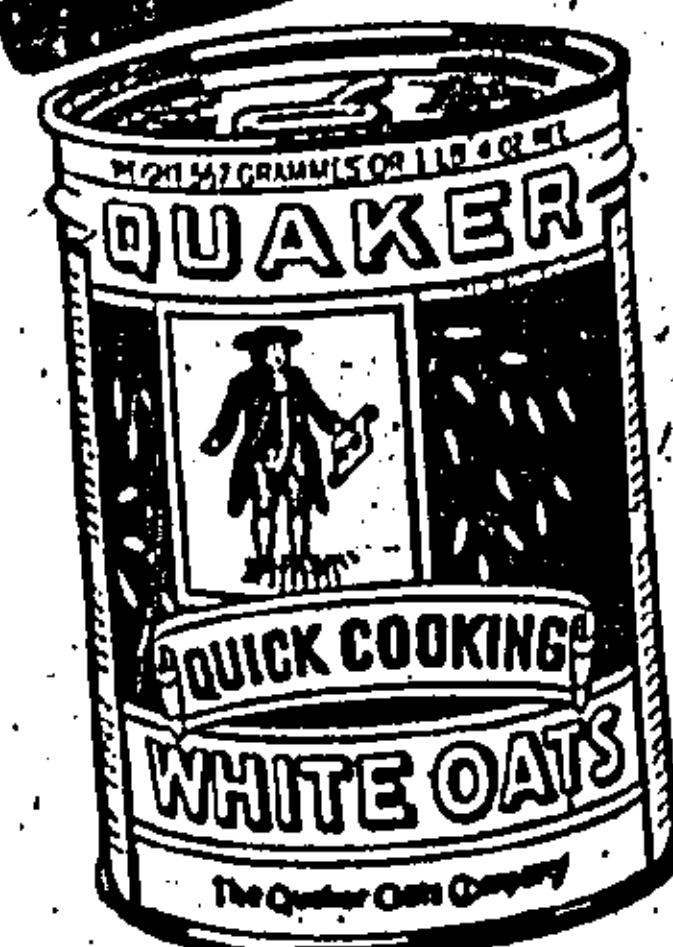
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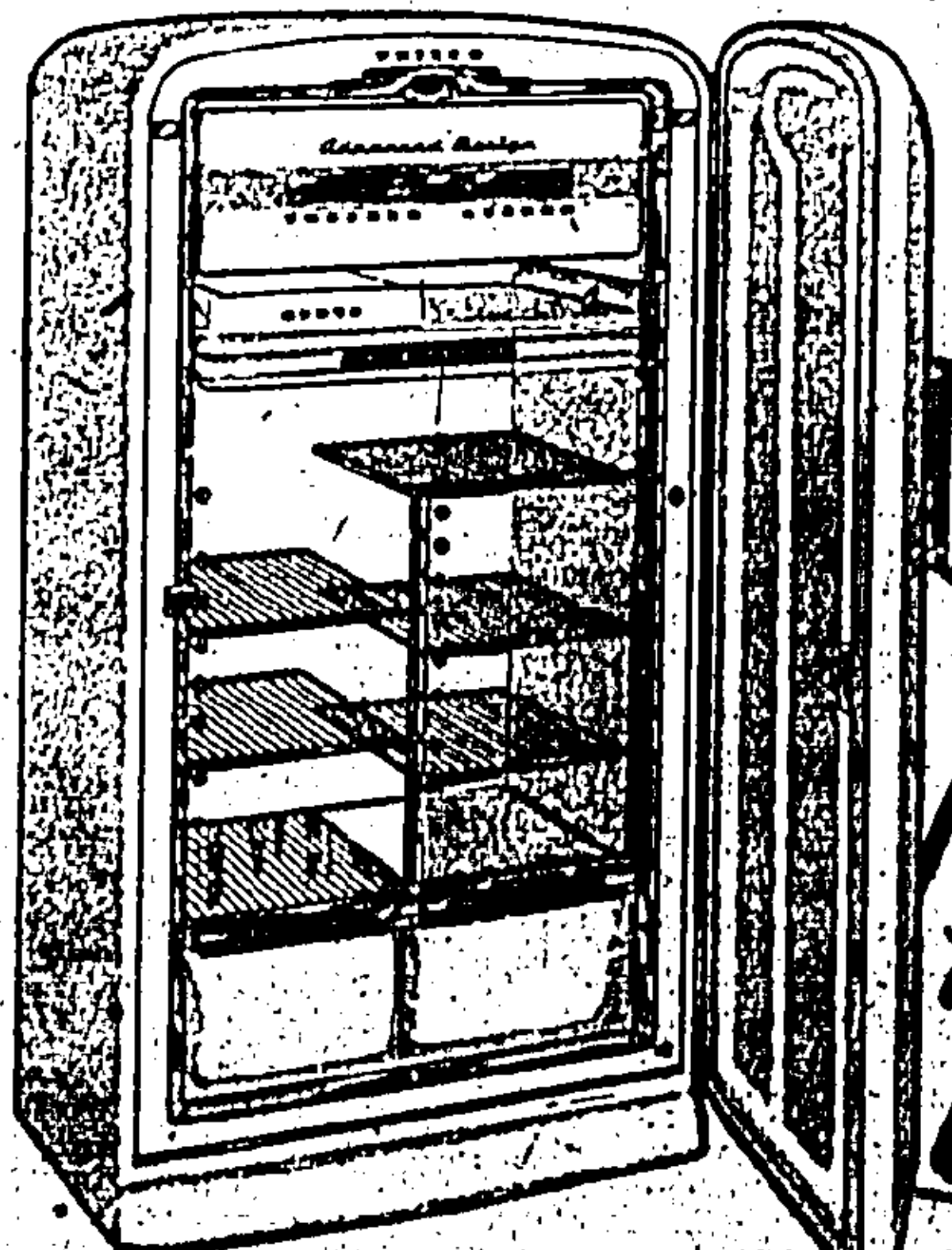


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THE UNCONVENTIONAL WAR

Communist propagandists, in a recent attack on American "aggression" in Korea, put much of it down to the teachings of Professor James Burnham, especially in his latest book "The Coming Defeat of Communism." No doubt the clear, hard, cold thinking of this American ex-Marxist has had a great influence on his countrymen—though nothing in the realm of words could rival the effects of Communist policy in word and deed. The Communists themselves have transformed the old isolationism of the United States into leadership in the new crusade against the great heresy. Burnham shows how this crusade can proceed from wrath to action—and action both in detail and in the large field of strategy.

His central theme is that the Communist burial of the hatchet, with the old Comintern, as the symbol thereof, was a temporary wartime device, which ended as soon as the tide turned in Russia in 1944. The Communist objective, openly proclaimed and never varied, is a Communist monopoly of power in the entire world. A mere handful of conspirators in 1917, the Communists are now masters of a vast and expanding Empire, already larger in area and population than any that heretofore existed. Their forces penetrate deeply into every remaining nation. The goal of Communism is not an ideal nor an idea but world power—a strategic goal, militarily understandable. Mere containment of it is not enough—it must be defeated.

Communism has been at war with the free world all along, and—therefore—war exists, but the free world had hitherto refused to consider itself at war. It must now, says Burnham, clearly recognise the nature of this war.

It is not a conventional, formal war, a war of organized armies hurling themselves at each other in total armed conflict (though this may be a later phase) but a kind of war for which we have no name—a political, subversive, ideological, religious, economic, resistance, guerrilla, sabotage war, as well as a war of open arms.

To meet this unconventional war there must be an unconventional plan in all the fields in which it is being waged. With firmness in this phase, he thinks, full-scale war may even be avoided.

Europe is the major theatre of this struggle, for Communism stands for the death of all that Europe means. It also stands for the end of Asia's hopes, since Asia cannot be modernised without the aid of the West. The same aim is sought more directly by conquest in the Far East. The free world is superior in all things except two—strategic position and political leadership. Of these two, the first is static and not dynamic and can be overcome by new techniques of long-distance warfare. As to leadership, though there are signs in the United States of the decadence depicted by the theorists, "the United States is in Mackinder's meaning a going concern and a young concern... the youngest child of Western civilisation. The United States is not—not by centuries—ready to quit."

There are great weaknesses in the Communist Empire. Not one of the satellites is as yet a reliable "fortress of the Revolution." There is also Tito. Theory and practice have broken down, because the Communists have failed so far to find the formula to

PARLIAMENT OF EUROPE?

On August Bank Holiday, the second session of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe opened at Strasbourg.

The clock of history ticked loudly on that historic August afternoon in 1949 when Edouard Herriot, President of the National Assembly of France, took the chair of the first international Parliament.

A year has now passed; some of the novelty has worn off; and it is time to ask whether the Assembly is fulfilling the mandate given to it by the Statute of the Council of Europe:

To give form to the aspirations of the peoples of Europe and to furnish the Governments with the means of keeping constantly in touch with European public opinion.

The Consultative Assembly is a new type of body, conforming neither to the Parliamentary model nor to that of the international conference, though its members represent Parliaments rather than Governments.

Its status is vague; what it cannot do is much clearer than what it can. It has neither legislative nor financial powers. Its relations with the Committee of Ministers, the other component of the Council of Europe, are anomalous.

They are clearly not those of the upper and lower chamber of a national legislature, nor yet of Cabinet and Parliament. In the Assembly, at least at the outset, the Committee of Ministers was regarded as an official diplomatic check on the expression of popular aspirations. In theory at least, the Assembly can debate such questions only as are approved by the Committee, and its resolutions are no more than recommendations, which the Committee may accept or reject.

By Lord Campion

reference was to be noted at Strasbourg last session. As however, disappointment with the limitations of the Assembly was general, the difference becomes one of methods rather than of aims.

It is possible here only to touch on two aspects of the Assembly's struggle to clear itself space in which to grow.

(1) As already stated, the rules of the Assembly forbid the initiation of any subject of discussion without the consent of the Committee of Ministers. This prohibition was actually overborne by a frontal attack. When it came to the point, the Committee of Ministers gracefully yielded. But it was already apparent that the rules were not, in practice, proof against the ingenuity of Parliamentarians.

By a not unfortunate chance, the experts who drafted the statute were predominantly experienced in international relations. In this field the foreign services of Europe have always had a very proper contempt for the amateur; they, themselves, however, are content to be amateurs in the Parliamentary field.

As a result, the rules which they prepared were sufficiently defective to give the Assembly much wider scope than was intended. Topics which a diplomat might rightly regard with apprehension, such as the status of Germany or the relations between Great Britain and Ireland, were brought up in debate without noticeably injuring either the comity of nations or the internal harmony of the Assembly.

On this first occasion, prepared speeches somewhat dulled the edge of debate, and the representatives of 12 nations, in public session at least, were more inclined to applaud than to criticise. But this may not last. As Professor Jung said recently, "True democracy... takes human nature into account as it is, and therefore makes allowance for the need of conflict within its own frame."

If the "talking shop," as its detractors call it, is to become the forum of European public opinion, as its supporters hope, every sort of opinion must be given a free run.

Analogy

Perhaps the analogy of Britain's Parliamentary history inclines us to look at the Assembly with somewhat different eyes from nations whose legislatures have been set up ready-made, with their powers and limitations defined by written Constitutions.

We do not expect a newly-created democratic body to "slay put," but to work out its constitutional position as it goes along, taking every opportunity to enlarge its jurisdiction. The essentials for this purpose are that it should evolve efficient methods of working and should establish a close two-way relationship with the public.

From this point of view, it may do no harm to start modestly, provided that everything is a little vague.

Mr. Malik's manoeuvres

The most important thing about the Korean war is (and has always been), not how it will affect Korea, but how it will affect the whole world. Is it to be a short story or the first chapter in a long one? Is it capable of being ended without leading to a world war?

The return of Russia to the Security Council concerns us primarily as bearing on that issue. Why has she sent Mr. Malik back and what results may be expected from his return? The first question is perhaps easier to answer than the second.

By staying away Russia was missing opportunities in the international arena. Her gesture of abstention could be regarded as an ordinary diplomatic manoeuvre, worth its propaganda value provided it was not kept up too long.

But like all similar manoeuvres (e.g. the breaking off of diplomatic relations) it had one grave disadvantage: it was difficult to abandon without loss of face.

Hence its ill advised prolongation, which prevented Russia from vetoing the stand taken by the United Nations, were so enabled the American forces in Korea to fly the United Nations' flag. It became imperative for Mr. Malik to return, and the circumstance that during August he was on the rota to preside at the Security Council was at least a face-saving factor.

By Scrutator

So far, so good. It follows that we have no reason whatever to see in his reappearance any softening of the Kremlin's heart. His performance recently, indeed, point quite the other way. He is plainly attempting mischief at Lake Success, and what the United Nations' constitution may be expected, not to repeat what has been done (for the veto cannot do that), but to stop it from being usefully followed up.

But is he there to do more? Is it his role, as between the contending forces, not merely to block settlements and so make eventual collision likelier, but to precipitate a collision now?

Of this there are so far no indications. The probability of

By Lord Campion

Not all its actions will be capable of discreet explanation by the public relations officers who interpret its proceedings to the European Press. It will at times be tactless, puerile and even violent. Such manifestations are the despair of diplomacy, but they normally accompany the growth of a democratic assembly.

(2) In the sphere of communications, the arrangements made by the officials of the Permanent Secretariat at Strasbourg were those familiar to them from their experience on international conferences.

For internal information, they relied on Roneo or Multigraph machines; for public enlightenment, on intermittent communications to the Press. The technique of a national assembly is quite different.

The members of such a body, and the interested public outside are accustomed to a large daily output of printed matter, consisting of verbatim reports of speeches, division lists, minutes of proceedings, questions and amendment papers, and so forth. No official comments on progress are issued; the record is allowed to speak for itself.

Judged by these standards, the Assembly was not well served, or well found, in Strasbourg, where printing is the largest trade, as befits the city of Gutenberg, there are some 40 firms within call. Yet throughout the Assembly's first session not a single printed document was issued; Europe's political exchange was blocked at the transmitting end. For however cogent debate may be, it cannot be expected to exert much influence if reports are unobtainable. In print till they are months old.

One reason for the lack of "Parliamentary papers" may be the lack of funds. Here again, however, the record is silent. From Foreign Office Estimates it is possible to gather that Britain's 22.5 per cent block contribution to the Council of Europe's budget has increased from £60,345 last year to £160,000 this year.

Particulars of the whole £800,000 budget have not been published; perhaps in this case also the cost of printing is too high, though one might have thought this was a matter which would have justified a little extravagance.

The Consultative Assembly started this session with one possibly fruitful success to its credit—its insistence on choosing its own subjects for discussion. But in its procedure, its machinery, and its approach to public opinion, it is not yet free from diplomatic leading-strings. Many stages still remain on the long road from international conference to European Parliament.

Short & long views

What view ought we to take, if such a settlement were mooted? We should be strongly urged to support it not only by the War bodies and Communists, but by all those (including many diplomats) who on principle believe in taking short views.

There are many historical parallels, the closest between the last two wars being Corfu. We can see now that Corfu was an utter disaster. Because the aggressor, although he relinquished his prey, did so without penalty and with actual gain to his prestige, a seed of aggression was sown, from which later the second world war sprang. Like process produce like results, and we should be very unwise to forget it.

Nothing in history has proved more difficult than to induce democracies to look ahead and take long views. The tyrant and the aggressor most commonly do take them, because otherwise they could not plan their moves. But the pacific democracy only parries after it has been hit; and even then, as soon as it regains the advantage, is apt to lose it again by conceiving of a premature peace.

The problem is as old as history, and some of the best statements of it were made 23 centuries ago by the great Athenian Demosthenes.

JOURNEY'S END

By Donald Campbell

If we were confronted by a line of 425 coffins, many of them by no means six feet long, followed by row after row of legless and armless men, women and children, maimed people whose lives have been irrevocably ruined, we should be sickened with horror.

Let us, therefore, wake up to reality. Britons were confronted by just this very scene only recently. The coffins are those of the 425 people killed on the roads of Britain during June, and unless Britons are prepared to do something about it they will be followed by another 425 or more this month, next month and the month after that.

Who is responsible for this terrible mass slaughter? The motorist, the cyclist, or the pedestrian? The responsibility, quite obviously, lies not with any particular section, but jointly with all those who use the roads, and that means each and every one of us.

I DO NOT believe that there is any one dramatic solution to the problem.

I DO NOT believe in stepping up the penalties for dangerous driving.

I DO NOT want to plaster cities with notices that "Drunk drivers go to jail." Criminally drunk and negligent drivers go to jail anyway.

Nor do I want to invent new penalties for dangerous pedestrians and cyclists. The British people respond far more readily to reason than to threats.

What is there to do? I suggest three main answers: better roads, better education in road sense, and better propaganda.

First and foremost, I believe that Britain's whole road system is at fault. It is antiquated, totally inadequate to deal with the ever-increasing volume of fast goods and passenger traffic, on which Britons are dependent for daily needs.

The object, therefore, should be to build new highways and to modify existing roads so that they eradicate the basic causes of the more common types of accident. The new highways should be constructed for four lanes of traffic, and should be raised above the surrounding country so that neither pedestrians nor cyclists have either cause or desire to use the motor roads. Separate lanes for cyclists and pedestrians would be built, and these tracks would cross under, not over, the main carriageways.

This is only the lesson of the railways. Imagine the chaos if it were possible for us to perambulate at will on the permanent way.

Those who feel strongly about this road slaughter should write to their M.P.s now so that they understand that the public is not content to tolerate makeshift measures, but is determined to deal with the basic cause of the trouble.

We shall doubtless be told that Britain cannot afford the millions of pounds that would be needed for such a scheme.

Safety lesson

As a nation Britain is not yet really road-conscious. Since this is primarily a matter of education, the subject should form part of every school curriculum. It should be made compulsory for the final period of each day to deal with road safety.

There is no need for the lesson to be dull. Children are interested in cars and bicycles, and if they were properly taught it would quickly become instinctive for them to be cautious and to take the right action in an emergency.

Early tests

There is a strong case for new legislation in another respect. There is in force a first-class system of registration applied to all mechanically propelled vehicles.

Before anyone can drive even a small auto-cycle he must apply to his county authority for a provisional licence and then, having become proficient, must pass a strict test before being granted a full permit.

We go to all the trouble and expense of this first-class arrangement, with only one end in view, and then we allow small boys and girls, with no knowledge of road law whatever, to ride bicycles of any size or shape on main trunk roads or wherever they will, to the extreme danger not only of themselves but of all other users.

Surely children under 12 should be forbidden to cycle on the roads except in the company of an adult.

Adults too

Adults, as well as children, need education in road sense. It is not enough to tell them that it would be of the greatest value if the system of mobile traffic police could be expanded on a nationwide scale.

The province of these officers would be solely traffic, their duty being to advise, guide and criticise erring road users, irrespective of whether they are motorists, cyclists or pedestrians.

The very presence of a police officer is one of the surest preventive of accidents. I know from my own experience that a kindly mixture of advice and respect criticism goes a long way towards raising the standard of safe driving.

My final suggestion is brutal, propaganda, and it will doubtless invoke outraged criticism. But the present situation is so terrible that I cannot do otherwise. It means are fully justified.

Publish by all possible means, through the Press, the cinema and the periodicals, actual photographs taken immediately after the occurrence of the more common forms of accident with an explanation of how the accident was caused.

Misused money

But politicians, of all parties, would do well to remember that for the past 30 years they have immorally misappropriated the hundreds of millions of pounds contributed to the Road Fund by taxable classes of road users, spending only a fraction on the purpose for which this fund was instituted—the improvement of the roads.

Of course it will be years before this policy can be fully implemented.

Think twice

I cannot help feeling that we should all be so shocked by the realisation of the dire and horrible consequences that can so easily follow on even momentary lapse on our part, that we would all think twice before "taking a chance," "cutting in ahead of that bus on the corner" or "making that light before it changes."

We cannot afford to be squeamish. If, therefore, the gruesome sight of a picture of a mangled body is the means of saving one person in a thousand from becoming the victim of such an accident, it is not wasted.

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SOCIALISTS PROPOSE A WORLD PLAN FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

London, August 18. The Labour Party today proposed a "world plan for mutual aid" to succeed the Marshall Plan in 1952.

The proposal was the main feature of a new statement of Socialist policy and principles by the Party's Executive Committee, to be considered at the annual conference of the Party in October.

The statement reviewed Britain's "peaceful revolution" since Labour took control of the Government in 1945 and claimed credit for full employment, greater production and exports and a higher standard of living for most people than before the war.

No progress on India's Korea plan

Lake Success, August 18. The six non-permanent members of the Security Council met here at the offices of the Indian delegation today to discuss the Indian proposal for a special Korean study committee.

It was understood that no progress was made. The members present, at the invitation of the chief Indian delegate, Sir Benegal Rau, included Norway, Cuba, Ecuador, Yugoslavia and Egypt.

A general discussion took place on the Indian proposal to set up a special committee composed of the six non-permanent members to study all proposals for a settlement in Korea.

The exchange of views, it was learned, showed no immediate prospects of getting majority support for the Rau plan. Accordingly, no further meetings are to be held for the time being.—Reuter.

KOREANS PROVIDE POWS' NAMES

Geneva, August 18. The first 50 names of United States soldiers taken prisoner by the North Korean forces has been received here from North Korea by the Central Prisoners of War Agency of the Red Cross.

The list was received from Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea, near which the 50 men listed are now living in a camp. The Agency recently announced that the first names of North Koreans in United Nations hands had been forwarded to the North Korean Government.—Reuter.

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AID TO ASIAN NATIONS

Paris, August 18. Mr. Percy Spender, the Australian Minister for External Affairs, expects the scope of the group of Commonwealth Ministers dealing with the technical aid plan initiated at the Colombo conference early this year to cover other South East Asian countries as well as the Commonwealth.

It (the plan) is designed to stabilise and protect, in an economic sense, the new nationalities in the area. It is not in any way connected with any military aid, he said.

Mr. Spender, who has had talks with French Ministers during his three-day stay in Paris, will next visit Strasbourg to get an understanding of the Council of Europe. He will also go to Bonn for talks with the Allied High Commissioners and to The Hague.

In London next month he will attend the discussions of the Commonwealth Ministers in connection with the "Spender Plan."

Mr. Spender declared that Australia had accepted her responsibility in Asia, in Malaysia as well as in Korea. "Secondly, the United States, which is carrying a mammoth, overriding burden of United Nations activities in Korea, I think Australia is next, having regard to her population," he said.

He added: "I think it is wrong to regard war as inevitable. On the contrary, I believe that if we neither provoke or appease, but rather resolution in carrying out our principles and resisting aggression, wherever it may be and indicate by strength that we seek to impose our will on no country, but are determined to maintain the principles of the United Nations Charter—that is the surest way to maintain peace."—Reuter.

Korea in General Assembly?

Manila, August 18. The problem of the Korean war will probably be brought before the plenary session of the United Nations General Assembly opening in Lake Success next September 19 and crucial discussions are certain to take place, the Assembly President, Carlos P. Romulo, said.

Brigadier-General Romulo said the UN Security Council does not have to refer the Korean question to the General Assembly for the latter body to take jurisdiction over it. The General Assembly will automatically decide to take up the conflict and seek measures for solution of it, he said.

If Russia brings up the question of Chinese Communists' representation in place of the Nationalists, the UN Assembly providing officer would have three courses to meet the issue, General Romulo said: declare the Russian delegate out of order, let him proceed with a harangue against the Nationalists, or refer the case to the Credentials Committee for recommendation to be voted upon later by the Assembly.—United Press.

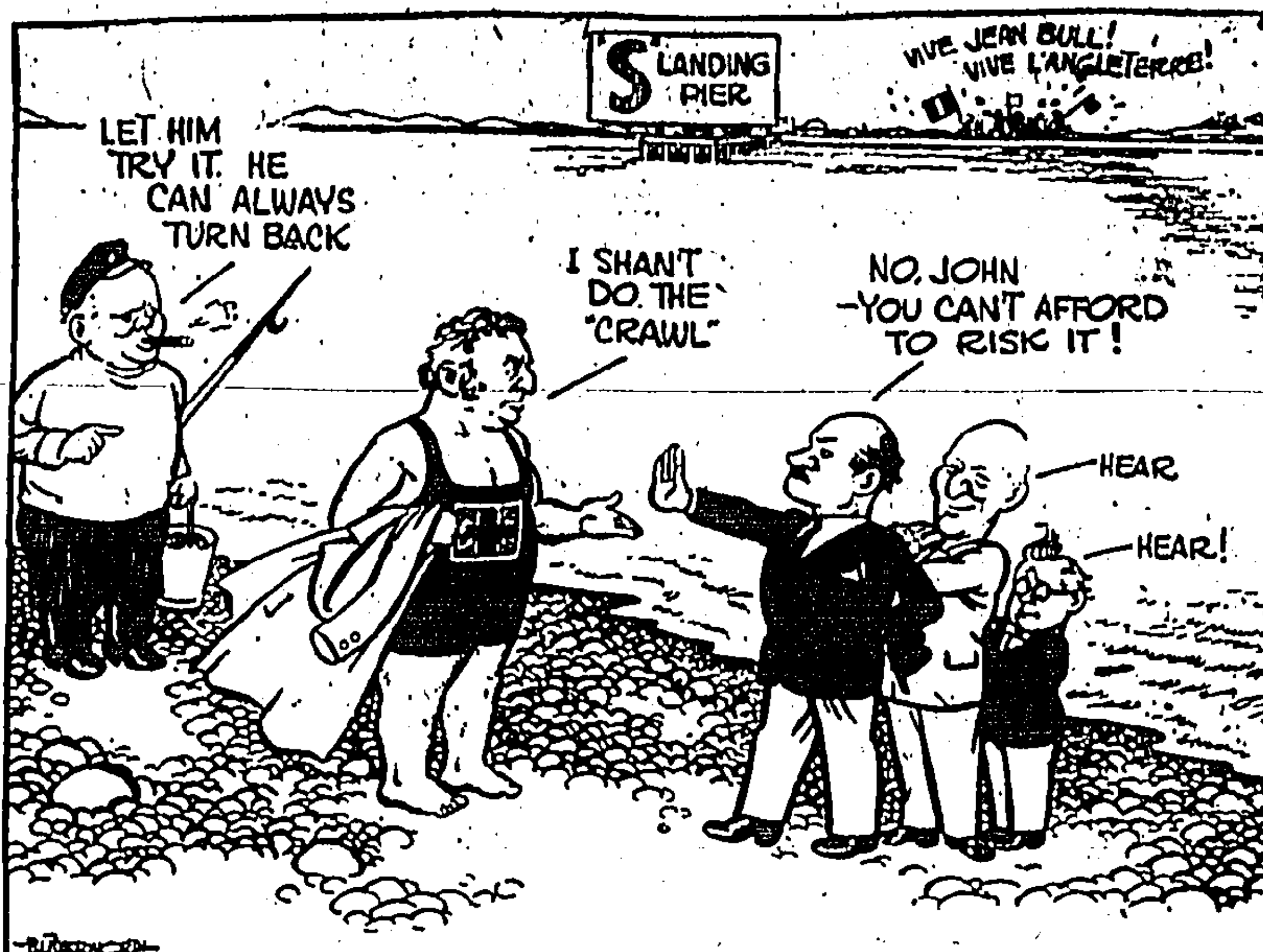
Germans to control own policy

London, August 18. The Allied High Commission in Germany has supported the general principle of giving the West German Government control over its own foreign policy.

The three-power Study Group on Germany, which resumed work here after a short recess last Wednesday, is now examining the Commission's reply to its questionnaire on matters affecting the revision of the occupation statute.

Two of the most important questions put to the High Commission were: 1.—Whether the High Commission favoured giving Western Germany its own Foreign Office; and 2.—Whether the Allies should retain an ultimate veto on West German internal legislation.

The Study Group last July agreed in principle to set up a German Foreign Office and is now checking the details of its recommendations against those of the High Commission's. It has not so far formed a recommendation on the question of ultimate control of German internal legislation.—Reuter.



NO CHANNEL SWIM

By Butterworth

United States reviewing Yugoslavian aid policies

Belgrade, August 18.

The United States is being forced to review its present aid policy in Yugoslavia as a result of certain weaknesses becoming more apparent in this Communist but anti-Cominform State, a well-informed source said.

This source said the review was also necessitated by the growing United States defence expenditure and its drain of available United States funds for foreign aid.

These disclosures came as it was learned that the Yugoslav Government has applied for a third loan from the United States Export-Import Bank. The Bank has provided \$40,000,000 of the \$74,100,000 that Yugoslavia received in foreign credit in the two years since Marshal Tito was expelled from the Cominform.

The future role that the West may play in the Balkans also hinges on the outcome of the \$25,000,000 Yugoslav loan request from the world bank. The Bank announced on Wednesday that a mission would come here soon to investigate this request for the second time.

It has become evident in recent months that if Tito's five-year plan for industrialisation is to come anywhere near fulfillment,

Yugoslavia must have large-scale credits to buy the necessary capital equipment. Moreover, it is questionable how long the Yugoslav people can stand the physical exertion they are being called upon to make despite almost complete lack of consumer goods and an austerity diet.

Use of resources

Two typical sources of disagreement for Western observers here have come to light.

1. A \$3,500,000 rolling mill, which the Yugoslavs ordered from the United States 18 months ago, is en route from its American factory, but the Yugoslavs have not come close to completing the future foundation at the new steel centre of Enica, in Bosnia.

It is believed certain that the plant will sit idle throughout winter and next spring.

2. Official figures from Berno reveal that Yugoslav exports to Switzerland in the first six months of 1950 totalled 6,571,000 Swiss francs, against imports of 11,330,000 Swiss francs.

What bothers American strategy makers is their own lack of dollars and their inability thus far to make certain that the Yugoslavs use their resources in the best possible way.—United Press.

AMERICAN WARNING

Washington, August 18.

Senator Scott Lucas, the Democratic leader in the Senate, declared today that if the Communists attacked any Atlantic Pact country the United States would "start tossing atomic bombs where it hurts."

Senator Lucas, one of President Truman's "Big Four" lieutenants in Congress, who meet weekly at the White House, made this statement in a speech to his constituents in Illinois. It was re-broadcast here.

Mr. Lucas also said that if the United States had not opposed the Communist aggression in Korea "we would have had a world war on our hands today."

"Let us remember that our Allies in Europe could be subjected to direct attack by their frontiers at any time in the immediate future," he added. "Insofar as ground troops are concerned, we would be woefully weak if an aggression occurred, but an attack upon any nation in the Atlantic Pact is an attack upon all."—Reuter.

Belgrade, August 18.

Mr. Ernest Davies, British Foreign Under-Secretary, flew here from Athens today on his way to meet Marshal Tito at Dubrovnik.—Reuter.



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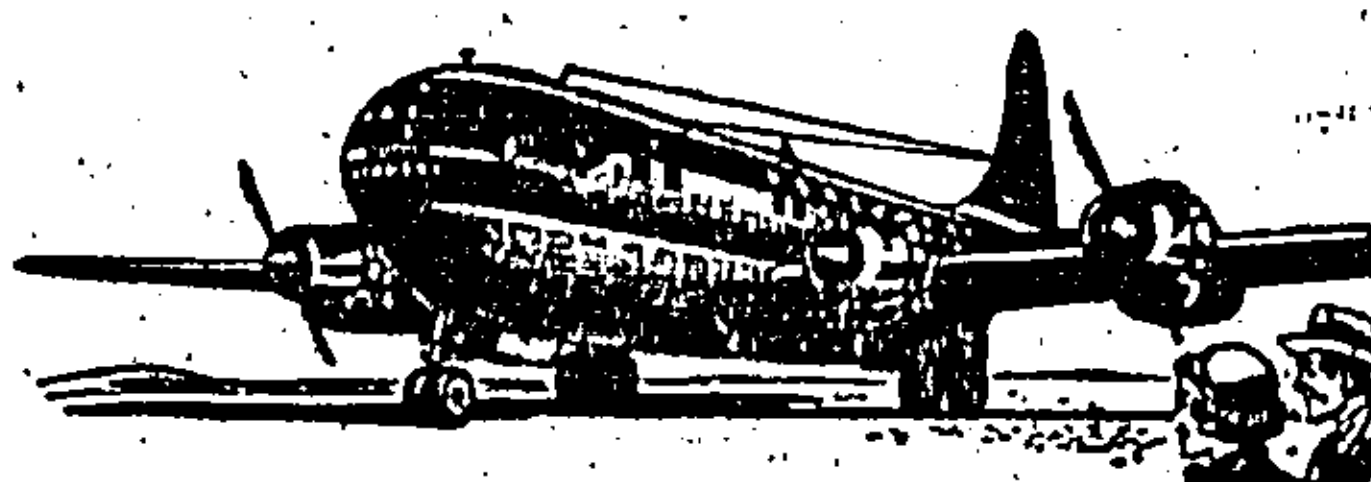
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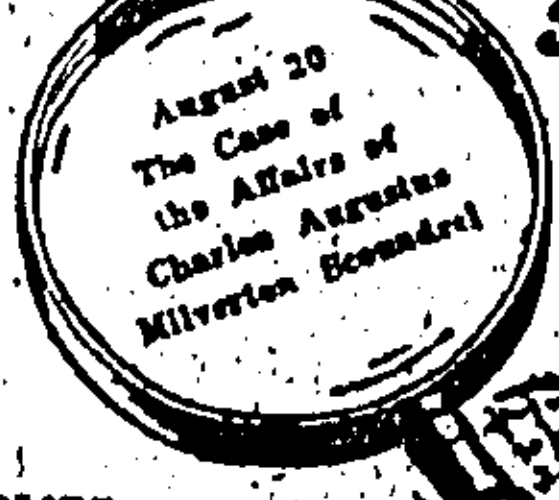
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Preliminary rumbling

War is still the chilly undertone of all discussions in Australia, no matter what the overtones may convey. Korea, which everyone hopes will be an isolated eruption in a disturbed enough world, is feared as the preliminary rumbling of a storm that may break out sometime, sooner or later, all over the world.

This feeling is in no sense a subtle rattle or war hysteria. It's a soberly accepted possibility which a people, hitherto physically untouched by war but still living with its consequences, is trying to face sanely. There is no impetuous enthusiasm for involvement in war, nor is there any hysterical outcry against it.

The pattern of world events is too similar to that before 1939 to permit of much wishful thinking and the prospect, in the event of a world war, far too dire to permit any aura of glamour clinging to it.

On the practical side of the Korean situation the first volunteers have been called up for medical examination and training into camps; planes, arms and ammunition are being rushed to the Australian forces already there by ship; a destroyer has left for Korea waters and plans are being made to fly up 400 volunteers from the Australian permanent army to Korea.

Army Minister Frenels has said that a fully equipped Australian ground force would be in Japan ready for Korea by the end of September.

But there are troubles nearer at home. Reports have been received of foreign infiltration into New Guinea, the defences of which are not considered to be adequate, and now plans are being made to build up native army and navy units.

First batch of NSW volunteers for Korea to be called up numbered 31, only 23 of whom responded, and first man in NSW to be attested for the force was Private Brian Murphy, 28, who served for five years with the AIF in the Middle East and New Guinea. The rate of intake will be speeded up week by week. One of the delays in the start of the medical examinations was that a careful check was made of all volunteers' police, security and

service records. The authorities are taking no chance of Communist sabotage.

There's also been a rush to join the civilian force wanted in Korea. The force will be 1,000 strong, but in New South Wales, whose quota is only 400, there were 1,600 applications.

Politically the Korean situation is quiet. Parliament is in recess but Opposition Leader Chifley has said that a special meeting should be called to discuss the extent of Australian commitments to the United Nations force. Meanwhile there's a slimmer of conferences and speculations.

Visit abroad of Prime Minister Menzies has been closely followed locally not only because of the information he might bring back about the state of world affairs, but also because Australia is keen to get dollars.

Dollar Loan?

Hopes have fluctuated but when Federal Parliamentary Draftman J. G. Ewens left for Washington after an urgent summons by the Prime Minister, a lot of inside observers thought it might indicate that a dollar loan had been arranged. The clue is supported by a message from the Australian Resident Minister in London that implied successful dollar negotiations. The dollars will be useful to step up the migration programme and power programmes like the Snowy River hydro-electric scheme.

The domestic front is still very troubled. Floods continue to wax and wane, prices still soar, fruit and vegetables are scarce and dear.

Butchers are finding it hard to keep going because of the high wholesale cost of meat; sheep-growers, who've been having a marvelous season, fear substantial losses because of loss of stock through floods, impairment of wool because of long delays in shearing.

On top of all this housewives, particularly in Sydney, are putting up with electricity blackouts and rationing of gas. Even the husbands are complaining because the haircuts have gone up to 3/-, smokes have gone up and beer's likely to be 4/-.

Just as an example of the way prices are rising, spinach, in normal times rarely 1/- a bunch, is now selling at 3/- a bunch; tomatoes, which were 10/- a lb, are now 15/-; and a bunch of lamb has been up to 12/- each and some butchers are finding that their customers just can't afford such an outlay, have been cutting the legs in halves.

The situation, due mainly to the aftermath of floods, has become so bad that many greengrocers are closing down their shops and taking on factory work until supplies become more plentiful and prices closer to the capacity of their customers to pay.

Sheer irony

An ironic sidelight on the food situation occurred in the Gosford district, main citrus centre of New South Wales. Orchardist Harry Patt drove into town with his truck piled high with crates of oranges, dumped the crates at various points along the road and left notices on them that all he could get was 8d a crate net at the markets and asking mothers to take some home for the kids. The mothers rushed it. They were paying 2d and more each for oranges in the shops.

In Sydney the South Pacific Commission Research Council has been thrashing out ways and means of lifting the living standard of 8,000,000 islanders in the South Pacific.

The Council has been looking into problems of health, economics, agricultural development and education and will formulate recommendations for the Commission's meeting at Noumea in October. The Commission is concerned with 18 territories South of the Equator between Dutch New Guinea and Tahiti administered by the Commission member nations, Australia, France, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United

States. Among the questions discussed were mosquito control, fish processing and diversification of food crops.

The effect of films on children's minds has caused a lot of concern, particularly to parents who find their off-spring talking out of the corners of their mouth like Hollywood gangsters and thinking thoughts of violence. The Australian Medical Journal has entered the field of discussion and says the "proper and strict" classification of films is necessary if the cinema is to have a good, or at any rate a harmless influence on children. Also necessary were proper conditioning of children's minds in the home and school and regulation of attendance at cinemas.

Road accidents still take a heavy toll of life in Australia. In New South Wales there were 14,200 accidents and 535 deaths. One of the major causes of death on driving is the drunken driver. The police are enacting that many drunken drivers are still permitted to retain their driving licences through the application of a first offenders provision in the law.

Siamese twins

Siamese twins born in Tasmania some time ago joined head to head, have caused a great deal of interest. In the first place there was sharp controversy over whether details should have been published, then there was more controversy about whether attempts should be made to separate the twins by a risky operation.

More recently the twins were taken to Melbourne where an exploratory operation was performed to discover if they could be safely separated. A small portion of the skull was removed from the region where they were joined and the twins went through that stage quite satisfactorily.

In the sporting world, Australian Dave Sands, who holds the British middleweight title, knocked out American Negro Brim in the second round. Brim's manager, stunned at the sudden ending, said that he considered Sands the uncrowned middleweight champion of the world and urged him to get a fight with world middleweight champion Jake LaMotta.

Two Melbourne engineers have been working on a simplified automatic transmission for motor cars which they claim will provide true "two pedal" control. The co-inventors are an 82-year-old English engineer who came to Australia as a young man, and a young Australian engineer living in England. A British firm, which examined the working drawings, has now asked that the latest model, just completed in Melbourne, be air freighted to Britain for further tests.

The inventors claim that their device provides automatic torque conversion with mechanism simpler than the current synchromesh gear boxes. The automatic variable speed clutchless transmission incorporated a train of planetary gears working on the epicyclic principle similar to that used in a number of automatic transmissions.

Pain in neck

Coastal shipping has been a pain in the neck in Australia for a long time and since the war the Commonwealth Government has been pondering the problem. Now the Department of Fuel, Shipping and Transport has given birth to a plan designed to eliminate delays and meet all the requirements of shippers and consignees. Apart from a small proportion of cargo requiring special stowage, there is now enough shipping on the coast to handle the shipment of cargoes, and now it is hoped to plan itineraries that full berthing facilities will be used and congestion and delays avoided.

In Sydney, where cargoes have been piling up on the wharves because of bad weather, ship-owners are trying to have the wharf labourer strength increased by 1,000 men. The wharf labourers are considering whether they'll admit an additional 500 men. They are not enthusiastic about having too many as they fear that

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In a very real sense Queen Mary is the cornerstone of the British Royal Family of which the King is the Head. Her relations with her family are of the happiest, a pattern and model of what a family should be. She never obtrudes herself upon her children, but is always ready with advice and counsel and comfort when, as they so often do, they call upon her.

clined of the Royal Family, with a fine ear and a keen critical sense, is a frequent companion of Queen Mary. He delights to go with her to a concert or to the opera, though their musical tastes lie far

others. "I shall go to see Marina tomorrow," said Queen Mary, and gave orders for her car to be ready early in the morning to take her on the long journey to the Duchess of Kent at her home, Coppins, at Iwer, in Buckinghamshire.

By Louis Wulff

enough apart to allow stimulating discussions afterwards.

Lord Harewood has a double distinction among members of the Royal Family. He was the first grandson of a Sovereign ever to enter the ranks of the Grenadier Guards as a guardsman, and he is the only member of the British Royal Family to have been taken prisoner-of-war. He was captured while on patrol near Perugia during the Italian campaign in 1944.

Queen Mary has a special affection for the Princess Royal, both because she is her only daughter and because they have so many tastes in common, in art and in other matters. In the early days of the Princess's widowhood Queen Mary had her a great deal with her, comforting her in her sorrow, and since then the Princess has been a frequent companion of her mother.

For both the King and the Duke of Gloucester Queen Mary has a deep mother's love; though with the reserve that is an essential part of her nature she is averse from demonstrations of affection, either in public or in private.

For the King, she has in addition a really profound admiration, an admiration for his sense of duty and for the selfless way in which he has so successfully met the great responsibilities that fell upon him, expected and unsought, on his shoulders.

Close ties

Despite the disappointment, keen and bitter though it was at the time, which she naturally felt when the Duke of Windsor found himself unable to follow the high path that had been marked out for him, nevertheless she still has a mother's love for her eldest son, a love that is warmly reciprocated by the Duke. He has never failed to see his mother on each of the visits he has paid to this country since the war, and on several occasions he has stayed with her at Marlborough House.

Queen Mary retains many happy memories of the Duke's younger days as Prince of Wales. Several paintings of him hang in Marlborough House.

During his short reign as Edward VIII, one action of the Duke's showed his own affection for his mother and his sense of the importance of the place which women had made for themselves in the world. As Sovereign of the Royal Victorian Order, the Order which is awarded only for personal services to the Royal Family, he altered the Statutes of the Order to permit its bestowal on women, and the first woman to be admitted to it was Queen Mary, whom he made a Dame Grand Cross of the Order.

Love for music

Eldest of her grandchildren, the young Earl of Harewood, who is one of the most musically in-

they would spread the work too thinly. Sydney's quota of wharf labourers is 7,250 but actual registered strength is set down at 6,800.

Death comes to everyone. Mrs. Charlotte Bower, who was well-known in Sydney and Melbourne, died the other day at the age of 101. She'd never had a day's illness. She came to Australia in a square-rigged ship 77 years ago and in her eventful life escaped from the Germans on the Continent in World War I, married for a second time when she was 70, did a world tour when she was 80 and flew from Melbourne to Sydney only a couple of months ago. She was a great great grandmother seven times, leaves 110 descendants.

One of the bitterest sorrows of the many that have befallen Queen Mary was the death of the Duke of Kent, who crashed to his death in an aircraft on a Scottish mountainside on a war-time flight on duty to Iceland on August 25, 1942. Queen Mary was sitting working at her needlework, as usual, after dinner that night at Badminton, when a telephone call came from Balmoral with the news of the Duke's sudden death.

She remained calm and controlled when they brought the news to her. She showed no signs of the breakdown which even those close to her, who know her from will, feared must come. At the moment of this most terrible shock her first thought was for

Certainly of Queen Mary, it cannot be said ever that she is an ordinary woman. She is an exceptional woman, perhaps one of the most exceptional women of the age. Those who have known and worked with her for many years as members of her Household, the domestic servants who look on her as a beloved mistress, the men and women of so many different contact of society with whom she comes into more or less frequent contact, all agree about her busy daily life, all, from their different experiences, agree in their boundless admiration for the Queen about whom none has an unkind word to say.

It is only a very exceptional woman who can command such universal admiration. It is only a very exceptional woman who at the age of more than four score years can, by her daily example of upright conduct and devotion to duty, still play an important part in the leadership of a nation and an empire. Millions of people from all over the world who have never met her, look up to Queen Mary with something approaching veneration, as well as love.

She is of ancient lineage and of royal descent. For over 500 years she has lived as Princess and Queen, and all her actions throughout that long life have graced her queenliness, increased her stature. If ever anyone has been endowed with natural majesty it is her Majesty Queen Mary. Long may she be spared to be a pattern and an example to all, of high degree or low.



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by Hans Wilsdorf*

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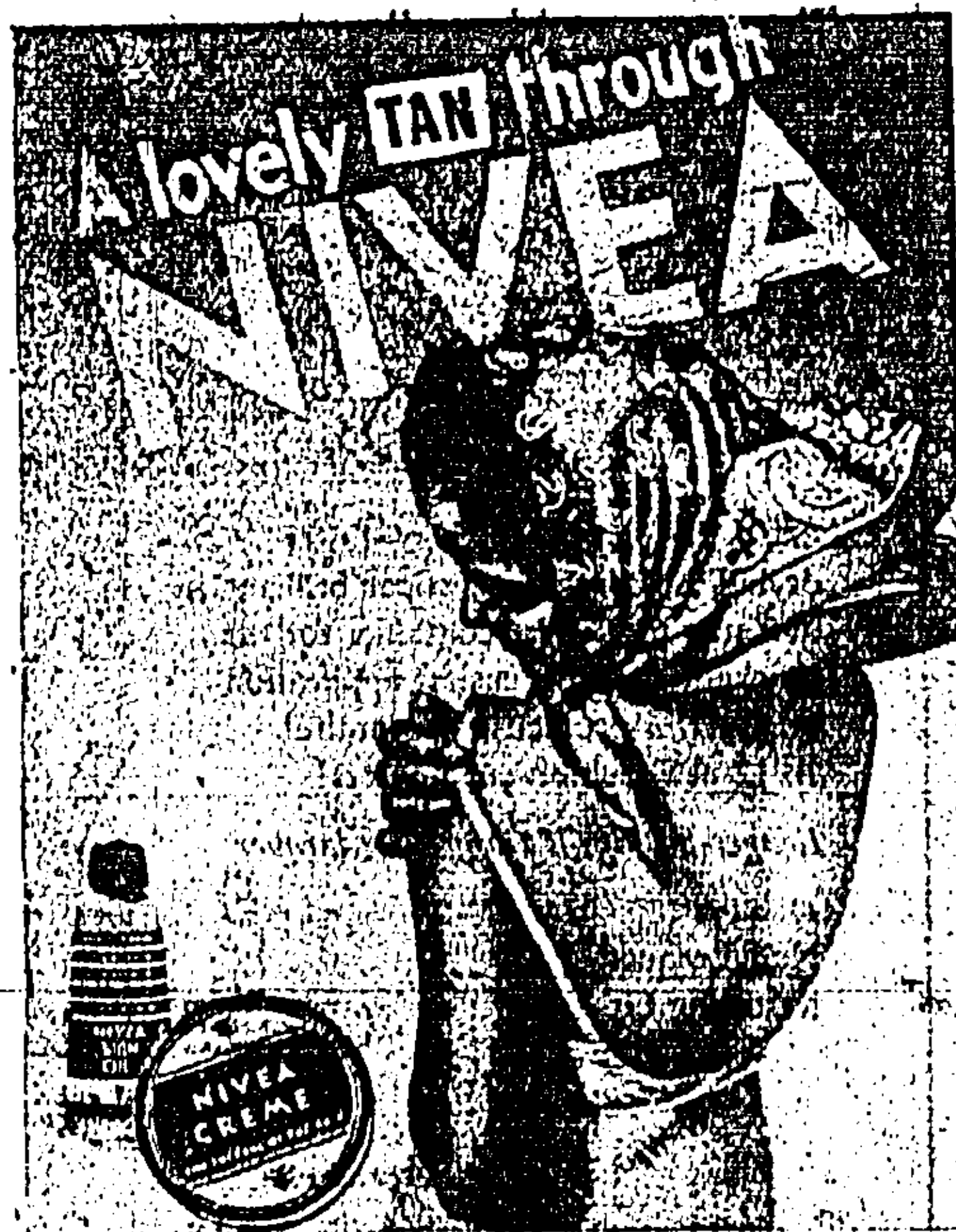
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Between Ourselves

INFLUENCE OF TEACHERS ON CHILDREN'S ATTITUDES

By DOROTHY BARCLAY

Mothers and Fathers who have been told repeatedly during recent years that they must mend their personalities if they hope to rear well-adjusted youngsters may find a glimmer of satisfaction in what seems to be a growing trend in the speeches of U.S. educators and school officials.

Where once the psychologists held parents strictly accountable for children's personality development, the tables today, although certainly not turned, are at least tilted. And they are pressing on the teachers' toes.

At least six speeches heard in the past few months in American have stressed the influence of teachers on the formation of children's attitudes, good and bad, the effect of classroom atmosphere on youngsters' mental health and the necessity in certain cases for helping teachers solve personal conflicts that prevent them from doing their best.

Now, to round out the picture, comes a study, "Effect of the Teacher's Personality on the Behaviour of Pupils," by S. R. Laycock, head of the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan, published in "Understanding the Child," a quarterly put out by the National Committee for Mental Hygiene in U.S.

Parents whose youngsters come home with rapturous reports of the day's classroom happenings, as well as those whose boys and girls seem addicted to long, low moans at the mention of school, know very well what a difference a teacher's personality can make.

In fact, just about anybody with a memory longer than a clothes moth's can recall which classes glittered and which were gloomy because of such differences. The pertinent point today is that the specialists are talking out loud about it more and more.

In the introductory paragraph to Dean Laycock's study the editors of "Understanding the Child" point out that "too little still is known of the actual effect of teachers' attitudes on children's behaviour, though a number of studies are available.

Conclusions

The author's conclusions, based on visits to 157 different classrooms, are that we may expect little improvement in the mental health of teachers until the public comes to realize that education involves emotional and social as well as intellectual development.

Dean Laycock set out to test the claim that teachers who are secure, emotionally stable and well-adjusted are best able to develop wholesome personalities in pupils; that "difficult" teachers have "difficult" pupils; bossy teachers, meek or resentful pupils; tense teachers, tense pupils.

His studies were made in Canada. Investigation was carried out in New York with Ruth Kramer, a student whose essay about Mrs. Elizabeth Brattig, her former English teacher, last month won her a \$1,000 United States Savings Bond and her teacher the title of "Most Promising" for 1950.

It was clear from Ruth's remarks about Mrs. Brattig's methods, the originality of her ideas and the kinds of projects she encouraged that here was an exceptional teacher. But when she spoke of her personality she was even more enthusiastic.

"She makes her classes so different from any other. She has a lot of humour. She's witty and friendly. Sometimes she's even sarcastic but not in a way that hurts. She really is

interested in every student. Some teachers seem to feel if they're friendly they'll have trouble with discipline but the more familiar you are with a teacher, the more you like her.

Personality

You work harder but you don't mind because you feel you're doing it for a friend. Personality is the important thing—and how much the teacher allows her personality to enter the classroom. Quite a few teachers could be more interested and friendly. More could be if they would try. Some are trying now.

Mrs. Brattig, asked what she thought of this emphasis on personality? "Academic background comes first," she declared, "but teachers must have enthusiasm, too, and interest and confidence in children."

This idea is being stressed more and more in teacher training schools, but you wouldn't know it from what one American youngster had to say. "The thing that gets me mad," she fairly exploded, "is when some teachers act like they know it all and we don't know anything. Everybody's human. Some teachers spend most of the period discussing their trip to Europe. They don't teach us much. And sometimes they're nasty one day and sweet the next. They should be more even-tempered and they shouldn't insult you in front of the class. If they have my complaints they should take you aside. Though of course there are some people they have to yell at."

"Our principal is very nice. One day she came over to us in the cafeteria and said 'Hello, girls, just like a teacher. I really respect her. But some teachers just need you. Once I really expected to get yelled at but the teacher just said, 'If there is one thing I do not like it is disrespectfulness in a young lady.' I never forgot it. I was so surprised."

—Friendliness, a sense of humour, the quiet word and a willingness to go on excursions seemed to impress the youngsters most favourably. They objected to "yelling" to teachers who scolded without getting all the facts on when they raised their hands and to being interrupted as they spoke. When these things happen, they agreed, they lose interest in the lesson or even the whole day's work.

Qualifications

The youngsters in their own way painted pretty much the same picture of a "good teacher" as Dean Laycock did in the conclusion of his study. Among the many qualifications he terms significant in their effect upon a pupil's mental health are that a teacher enjoys her job and likes her pupils; creates a friendly atmosphere in the classroom; is enthusiastic, vital, courteous, poised, secure and well-adjusted; sees things from pupils' point of view; is interested in pupils' interests and activities; treats all answers with respect.

U.S. as a woman sees it

Boy tranquilly goes on meeting girl and holding hands under the table whether a third world war seems to threaten or not, but not for years have they done it so openly and unashamedly as at present.

New York — Restaurant managers say "schmaltz" or "swede music" is at the bottom of it, and blame the "Third Man" zither theme for starting the whole thing.

The "Third Man" theme has had an even more spectacular success in New York than it had in London, and either players who formerly limped in out-of-the-way and unworldly little dives are blinking at finding themselves overnight the most sought-after musicians.

As a result "Bebop" is temporarily eclipsed, and wherever you go among Manhattan's famous nightspots you will hear romantic string and jazz music, and see young couples sitting in a trance holding hands openly and just looking instead of talking.

One big and rash restaurant that used to have one of the most spectacular floor shows in town has imported a girls' Viennese string orchestra with astonishing results.

"We've seen sophisticates here," reported a puzzled member of the staff, "who haven't been West of Fifth Avenue for years' all because of romance."

ed a sigh of relief, thankfully echoed by Mr. Michael Whittaker, the London stage designer who was responsible for creating most of the costumes.

The wardrobe which was shipped from London to Moscow, where part of the film was shot, included costumes for 5,000 extras, besides 200 Chinese civilian outfits, 200 Chinese soldiers' uniforms and some snappy outfits for 200 Mongolian soldiers.

These did not begin to include the costumes for the stars, many of which were authentic pieces borrowed from the South Kensington Costume Museum and were extremely valuable.

A mint-lined coat made for the Mongol war lord Bayan (Orson Welles) had as much time and care put into it as a plumbur wrap for Rita Hayworth. Its 500 skins were chosen and blended as carefully as any garment that graces a Mayfair drawing room, for the camera would have picked up any discrepancy of colour or quality at once. Another glamour piece—a chinchilla-lined coat worn by the actor who played Tyrone Power's grandfather in the film—was worth more but caused less headaches to the insurance department.

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RECIPES

Date-filled oat cookies (Eggless)

One and three-quarter cups SELF-RAISING FLOUR, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 cups Rolled Oats, 1/2 cup milk, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 cup shortening (butter, lard or margarine).

Cream the shortening, gradually add sugar and cream together till very light. Add the milk and then the rolled oats.

Sift the flour and salt together then sift again into the mixture. The dough should be very soft. Chill the dough thoroughly in a refrigerator.

Roll the chilled dough to less than 1/4 inch thickness on lightly-floured board or cloth. Cut into round biscuits. Bake on greased trays in moderate oven (350 degs. F.) 12 to 15 minutes.

When the cookies are cold, join together in pairs with date filling.

Date Filling: 1 lb. dates, two-thirds cup water, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon lemon juice. Wash dates and remove stones if necessary. Add water and sugar. Cook over low heat till smooth and thick, stirring occasionally. Add lemon juice and when cold use as a filling.

Cocoanut macaroons

Three egg whites, 1 cup sugar (crystal), 1 tablespoon cornflour, 1/2 cups desiccated or shredded cocoanut, 1 teaspoon vanilla essence. Beat egg-whites till stiff.

Sift sugar and cornflour together and gradually add to beaten egg-whites. Fold in the cocoanut; put the mixture in the top part of a double boiler and pour over gently boiling water until crust forms on the sides of the bowl.

Stir once or twice during cooking. Remove from the heat; add vanilla and drop from a teaspoon on to greased pan.

Bake in a slow oven (275 degs. F.) until lightly browned. Baking time will be about 30 minutes.

Note: The water in the bottom part of the double boiler must not touch the bottom of the pan containing the mixture.

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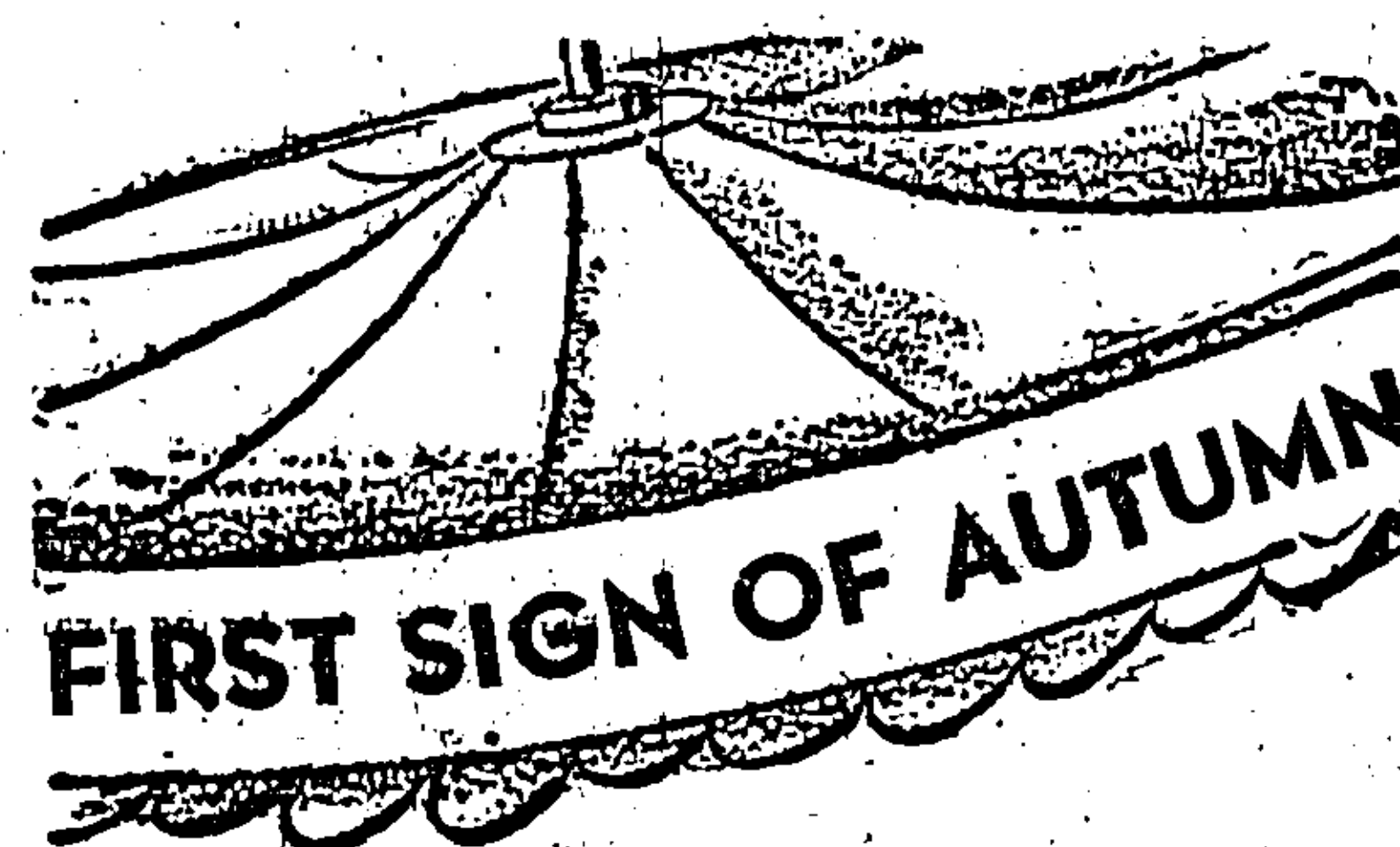


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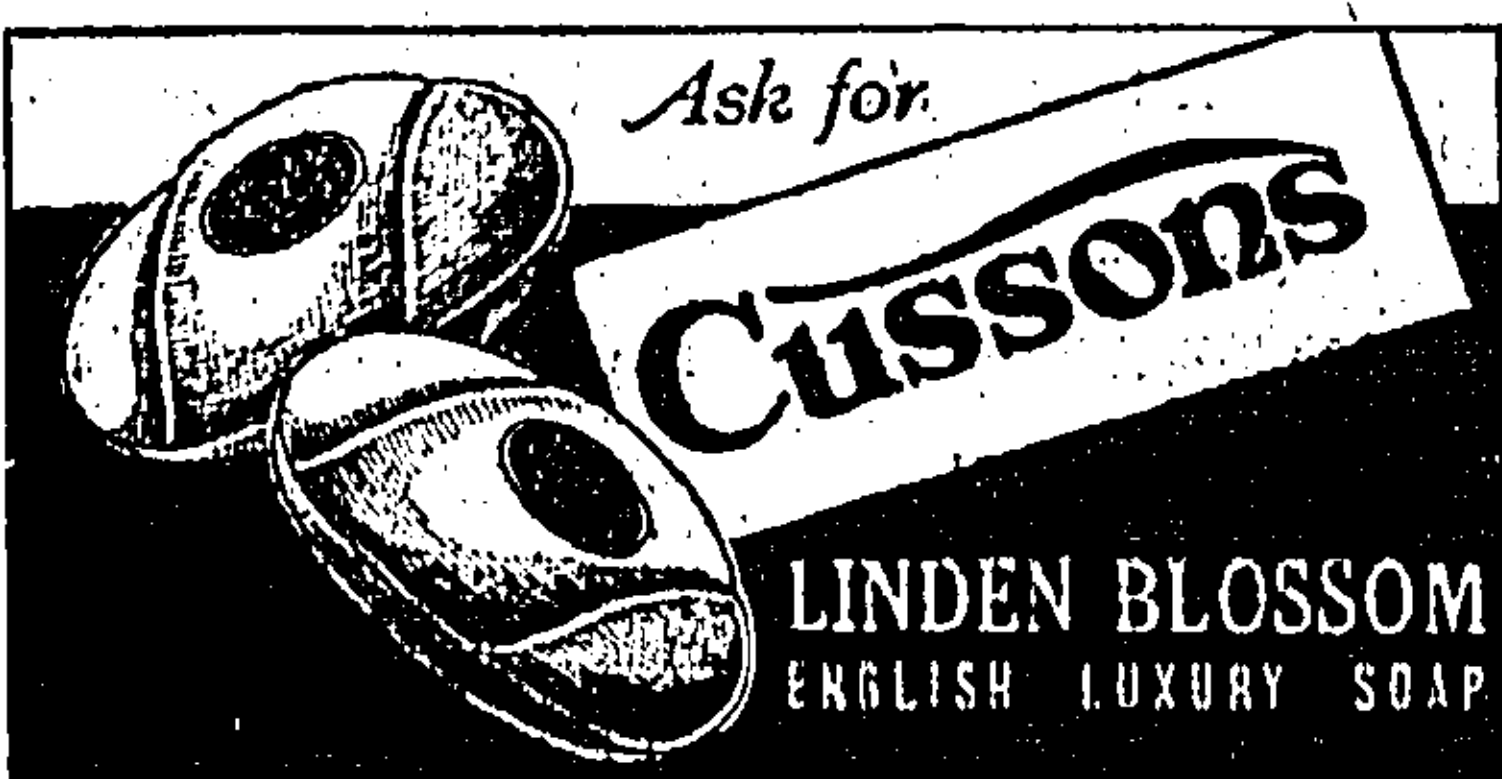
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By CAROLYN EARLE

It is a strain on the will-power to break the frowning habit, but it's worth trying, for nothing destroys a serene brow quicker than vertical lines between the eyebrows.

Quick action is needed to get rid of those concentration creases before they settle in to stay.

Regular massage with a good cream will gradually smooth out all but the most stubborn lines, provided the frowning habit is broken, and reasonable anti-glare precautions are taken.

Begin by sliding both index fingers upwards from the bridge of the nose, over the lines, and fanning them outward above the eyebrows. Three or four minutes nightly should be devoted to this routine before any additional routine massage.

Wearing triangular adhesive patches on the area at night, or while working in the garden, when the light is so strong it may cause squinting, is an extension of the idea. Draw the skin taut, then place the patch in position between the eyebrows and leave it on for as long as convenient. All night is not too long.

In the beginning custom may sabotage efforts to break the frowning habit, but if you concentrate you can make yourself aware of a frown and halt it.

Massage is one of the most useful adjuncts to modern beauty care, and the most versatile.

As a basic beauty treatment for the face, hands, and scalp, we can massage ourselves to very good effect. In this sense it reacts pleasantly on the circulation.

Wear face massage helps arrest the march of time by keeping the skin conditioned, for this reason nobody more than 30 can afford to overlook its benefits.

Facial massage, which includes the throat and chest, as circulation comes to the face via blood-vessels in the neck, should be a leisurely and rhythmic pattern of corrective movements combined with a suitable lubricating agent.

Creams that are rich in animal

and vegetable oils help put back into the skin certain properties needed to keep it plump and smooth.

Bring the backs of your hands into play to stroke upward on the front of the throat to the chin, using the right and left hands alternately.

Besides the smoothness accruing from the cream or oil in use you are encouraging the upward flow of the blood.

Now comes an under-chin workout, because, next to wrinkles and a spreading hipline, there is no more depressing sight than more than one chin. With the backs of your fingers put briskly upwards, holding the wrists loosely.

It is not necessary to beat hard—a light slap, plus the constant repetition, will do the trick.

Use the palms and flat of the fingers to stroke upwards on the sides of the throat and over the jawbone on to the outer cheek. Place the right hand at the base of the throat just above the left hand on the right side, slithering the hands alternately and evenly upwards.

Close them into hard, knuckly fists to knead the skin from the point of the chin, under the jawline, and outward to the point of the jaw, just under the ears.

Use the flat of your hands to smooth and lift the inner cheek muscles, beginning at the point of the chin, and smoothing upward and outward across the cheeks to the hair line above the temples.

A V-shaped pattern is followed in this movement, and you are lifting the cheek muscles that tend to sag and make contours square and heavy-looking as you mature.

Ann Temple
The family

The more I see of his family the more I doubt the wisdom of marrying him, though I am very much in love. I have never seen him in a temper away from home, but there he is violent when he lets go.

He is, I admit, provoked by three sisters, arrogant, pompous, dominating spinsters, who quarrel viciously among themselves and completely browbeat the poor, gentle little widowed mother.

The brother's wife warns me that if I marry him I marry the family and that is hell. She knows.

But is it fair to judge him by his family? Will this be my life, or will he defend me against them?—WANDA.

There's a real risk of unfairness. Could be the family circumstances, not the family temperament, creating the hell. "Circumstances alter cases like broken noses alter faces." Even the three ugly sisters might have been sweet reasonable beings had they got away from each other.

He may loathe rows. A peace-loving man can be goaded into violence. In that case he would so treasure peace in his own home that he would defend it with his life against interference.

To be fair we have first to understand. Put your problem

frankly to him. Then you will be able to judge at once from his reaction to the whole question whether he is sensitive to it as a menace to your happiness or not.

If he is, measure your strength together with his against interference. Judge for yourself. You may succeed though the brother's wife failed.

But if he is insensitive and family-bound, you or you will walk into the same set-up.

I never can make up my mind whether it is good for children to see their school reports or not.

One of my boys is sensitive and easily discouraged. Criticism upsets him. The other laughs at criticism. I must obviously have the same rule for both and I would prefer they did not see them but they tell me all the other boys read theirs.

Has that become the general custom?—R.F.A.

Fairly general, I should say. And where the report is merely an assessment of a pupil's capabilities and progress it provides a good discussion basis between child and parent.

For instance, one of your boys needs your help to take criticism robustly, the other to take it seriously.

Some schools have adopted the system of the four-page report issued once a year. This gives a record of the pupil's developing personality and character in addition to the scholastic progress. These reports should be confidential to avoid the obvious risk of making the youngsters introspective.

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This fetching two-piece bathing suit worn by Miss Terry Moore, Hollywood starlet, is made of nylon in refreshing colours.

British designs
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By MARY DELANE

Relatively one of the most successful collections shown in Paris is that of Digby Morton, member of the Incorporated Society of London Fashion Designers.

His 40 models, all tailored suits, have delighted overseas buyers and the French alike. Simple in line, they are subtle in the details of pocket, collar, gilet, and the way in which colours and textures have been used, whether the fabric is tweed, fine worsted, velvet or jersey.

The collection is not only a personal success for the designer; it is also a triumph for British fabric manufacturers, and is likely to result in increased demand for such materials among the French couturiers. British manufacturers will, indeed, owe Digby Morton a considerable debt of gratitude. Last year, when he first planned to show a collection here—right in the lions' den, so to speak—a number of wisecracks thought he was courageous but crazy. His success is well deserved.

Best sellers

A black jersey frock, with red over check and black velvet applique, is a specially popular

the fifth—who came seven years later than the fourth—is not normal.

It is a terrible grief to us, but we have to accept it after hoping against hope that each year would see an improvement. She is now four, and my wife, and I will do everything in our power while we are alive. What worries us is that she will become a burden to the other children when we are gone. —VERY SAD.

This is indeed sad for you, but I do want you to know that where formerly one could only be resigned to the sadness and the tragedy, today there is room for hope.

Great progress has been made in the treatment of mental illness. Bear in mind that every mentally crippled child may become a useful citizen if given the chance of early training.

model. Piquet, Balmain, Schiaparelli and Desses all show French wool jersey fabric for jackets as well as frocks, but generally the colour is plain and the weave uninteresting. Their gossamer silk jersey, however, is exquisite.

Balmain also has a most lovely coat in British cashmere, collarless, with a simple scarf front worn under a belt and trimmed with large beaver cuffs. It is already proving one of the best sellers.

These fur cuffs, the fur banding round the edges of garments, used frequently by Fath, Molyneux (in a lovely collection) and Desses, seem to me to offer useful ideas for women wondering what best to do with an apron, fur coat, or some fur pieces. Desses, in addition, shows delightful fur vests, with high collars and fur cuffs coming from under three-quarter sleeves on many suits.

Hats

The...tune line, which, last season, I suggested might be a coming fashion, is used by both Molyneux and Desses, the latter making it a special feature of his collection, with a broken, spiral line.

The newest line in hats is a forward movement, whether in the modistes' collection or those specially designed for wear with models by the couturiers' mannequins.

I say "forward movement" because sometimes the hat itself may be rather on the back of the head—a kindly effect with growing hair—but wings or a double visor-like veil, thrust forward, are shown for example by Schiaparelli and in many of Paulett's beautiful models.

Legroux's hats are mainly of folded velvet or velvet in soft nut-brown and shades of leaf-green. For the daytime at least the head is kept small and neat, even though the hair of most mannequins is definitely longer. At Dior's all the girls wear their hair pinned in a roll round the back; only Schiaparelli's wear Eton crops.

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Singapore, August 18.

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While she imports ever-increasing amounts of rubber from Malaya, there is no trace of any appreciable quantities of the metal going to the Soviet Union since the end of the last war.

"STOP RUBBER SHIPMENTS TO SOVIET RUSSIA"

New York, August 18.

Mr. John L. Collier, President of the Goodrich Company, today called on the nations of the Far East to stop shipping crude rubber to Russia. He said that Russia had been buying this war-essential product in substantial quantities since the end of the last war while the United States had been receiving rubber in diminishing quantities. Mr. Collier asserted that the principal supplier of rubber to Russia had been and continued to be British Malaya, with other producing areas also unquestionably making shipments to countries beyond the Iron Curtain.

He added that the nations controlling 80 per cent of the world's crude rubber were receiving American aid. The diversion of these crude rubber supplies from Russia to the United States would be in the lightest interest of all free peoples at this critical period. The sale of this crude rubber to the United States, he said, would improve the dollar position of these nations and, at the same time, they would be making a definite contribution to their own security.—Reuter.

AMERICAN LOAN TO INDONESIA

Washington, August 18.

Authoritative sources said today that the United States Export-Import Bank will announce the granting of a loan of \$22,100,000 to the Republic of Indonesia tomorrow. The loan is for the purpose of rehabilitating highway transport. The transportation loan of slightly more than \$22,000,000 is being advanced from an overall credit of \$100,000,000 the Bank had earmarked for Indonesia last February.

Official sources said that \$20,000,000 of the current loan is to be spent for the purchase in the United States of motor lorries, buses and spare parts. The remaining \$2,100,000 will go toward the purchase of road building equipment. The purpose of the loan for transport improvement, according to Bank officials, is to aid the movement of Indonesian agricultural and industrial products both domestically and to ports for export.

Bank officials and officers of the Indonesian Embassy are continuing their discussions of other projects which are expected to be approved during the next few months.—United Press.

TORQUAY TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

Canberra, August 18.

The Customs Minister, Neil Sullivan, said today that Australia would open negotiations on tariff concessions with the United States, West Germany, Austria, India and Turkey at Torquay, England, next month. The Customs Department was collecting facts to determine what tariff concessions Australia could grant in return for tariff relaxations by other nations.—United Press.

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Hong Kong, August 18, 1950.

WEST GERMANY OFFERS GOODS TO RED CHINA

Bonn, August 18.

West German industrialists trying to sell their wares to Communist China are using officials of the Russian-sponsored East German regime as agents, according to business circles here.

Finding it inconvenient to deal with the new Chinese Government direct, these sources said today, steel producers and other manufacturers in the Ruhr handed lists of available goods to members of an East German trade delegation. The latter group is in Peking.

No reports have yet reached here on the results of the Peking talk. It is known that iron and steel products are included on the lists of offered goods but detailed information on the firms involved and their exact plans in connection with China were lacking. The whole project is the idea of private firms here.

Both the Allied High Commission and the Economics Ministry of the Bonn Government have said they have no objection to trade negotiations between West Germans and the new Chinese Communist Government. But both bodies have reserved the right to veto such arrangements before they go into effect.—United Press.

FOREIGN CAPITAL ENTERING THE PI

Manila, August 18.

The Secretary of Commerce, Cornelio Balmeada, disclosed that foreign capital has been coming into the islands in recent months at a rate which would indicate that investors abroad have faith in the political and economic stability of the country, despite "distorted" reports on conditions in the Philippines.

The Commerce Secretary said that Philippine foreign trade was being balanced, and that the stability of the peso was being maintained. "We are making progress in our rehabilitation," he said. He pointed to the heightened industrial activity as an indication of healthy progress. Capital invested in local manufacturing concerns had increased from 41,000 pesos in the second quarter of 1949 to 2,900,000 in the second quarter of 1950.—United Press.

Money Market

US dollars opened yesterday at HK\$0.3874, and closed at \$0.3574. These were the highest and lowest rates since the pound.

TT opened at HK\$0.42 and closed at \$0.4114. Industrial gold opened at HK\$308.50 a tael, went up to \$309, and closed at \$308.50. Sterling was unchanged at HK\$15.50.

Australian pounds were up one cent at HK\$11.92. Pistres remained nominal at HK\$12 a 100. Ticals at HK\$27.60 a 100, and NEI Guilders at HK\$3.00 a 100, were unchanged.

BURMESE RICE FOR INDIA

Rangoon, August 18.

India will purchase 170,000 tons of Burma rice at £40 per ton and above during the period ending next June 30, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests announced here today.

An agreement was signed here today by the Indian Ambassador, Mr. M. K. Raut, and U. Theet Su, Chairman of the Burma State Agricultural Marketing Board, in the presence of U. Win, the Minister for Agriculture and Forests.—Reuter.

ROTTERDAM PORT SHUT DOWN

Amsterdam, August 18.

Holland's largest port, dock strike completely shut down the port of Rotterdam and curtailed shipping operations in Amsterdam today.

Reliable sources said Premier Willem Drees' Socialist Government is considering sending sending troops to Rotterdam to end the strike. This would be the last resort if the Communist-ruled strike continues.—United Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, August 18.

The stock market closed weak after a dull session. Government bonds were of fractions and many industrial shares closed lower.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, August 18.

The stock market ran into a little trouble today following a lively morning rise.

Closing prices were mostly up but under the best marks of the day. In some cases, gains were converted into small losses.

Advances ranged to around one dollar a share. Buyers favoured oil, rail, copper, and an assortment of manufacturing shares. Aircrafts acted a bit stickily.

Business contracted after morning gains were scored.

The advance was enough to carry the price level to the peak of its post-Korean rally, according to the Associated Press average of 60 stocks.

Prices on average plunged to a 1950 low immediately after American armed intervention in Korea but since then have been rising steadily. The market now is just a trifle below its pre-Korean level.

Dow Jones averages: 20 Industrials 210.23; 15 Rails 63.39; 10 Utilities 30.02.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express	21 1/2
Alaska Juneau	2 1/2
American Can	85
" Smelting	69 1/2
" Telephone	151 1/2
" Tobacco	60
" Waterworks	0 1/2
Ames Copper	34 1/2
Aviation Corp.	7 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive ..	14 1/2
Bendix Aviation	51 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	42 1/2
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Borden Co.	49 1/2
Canadian Pacific	17 1/2
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Goodrich	58 1/2
Goodyear	30 1/2
Homestead Mining	31
International Harvester ..	37 1/2
" Paper	11 1/2
" Tel & Tel	41 1/2
Johns Manville	43 1/2
Kennecott Copper	53 1/2
Montgomery Ward	24
National Distillers	44 1/2
" Lead	14 1/2
New York Central	4 1/2
Packard Motors	9 1/2
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Pennsylvania RR	17 1/2
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Remington Rand	34 1/2
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Reynolds Tobacco	40 1/2
Schenley	43 1/2
Sears Roebuck	22 1/2
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Southern Pacific	22 1/2
Standard Brands	72 1/2
" Oil of Calif.	82 1/2
" Oil of N. J.	31 1/2
Studebaker	34 1/2
Union Bag	40 1/2
" Carbide	40 1/2
US Rubber	38 1/2
" Steel	18 1/2
" Lins	32 1/2
Westinghouse	98
Youngtown Sheet & Tube ..	18 1/2
Gen. Pub. Utilities	18 1/2

—Associated Press.

PI-JAPAN BARTER

Manila, August 18.

Finance Secretary Pio Pedrosa endorsed a proposal, reportedly received from the SCAP authorities in Tokyo, to increase the limit of the barter of goods between occupied Japan and the Philippines by \$1,000,000 from the present figure of \$25,000,000.

According to the proposed revision of the trade treaty, \$1,000,000 worth of beer products would be allowed to enter Japan, while the Philippines would receive an equal value in machinery and industrial equipment.

Meanwhile, a committee was appointed to formulate policies in connection with Japanese trade, and to prepare a list of commodities allowed to be imported from Japan up to June 30, 1951. The committee said that under the new policy, cheap Japanese goods will not be allowed unrestricted entry. The policy guiding trade is based on protecting local industries, and at the same time aiding the development of production here.—United Press.

TIN PROFITS JUSTIFIABLE

London, August 18.

A complaint in the public eye, "American Metal Market" (an American trade journal) is making handsome profits in tin on American stockpiling. It charges that the tin bought by the Ministry of Armaments for about £4772—brings this report from the British trade magazine "Metal Bulletin".

"How much is this tin? It is costing us anyway. Have we not tin? Thousands of tons? And tin is bought in Malaya for many years—dozens of months in order that tin and rubber should be available for the United Nations? Britain is looking the bull in the eye. It is looking to know the tin market. It is looking to know the tin market. It is looking to know the tin market."—United Press.

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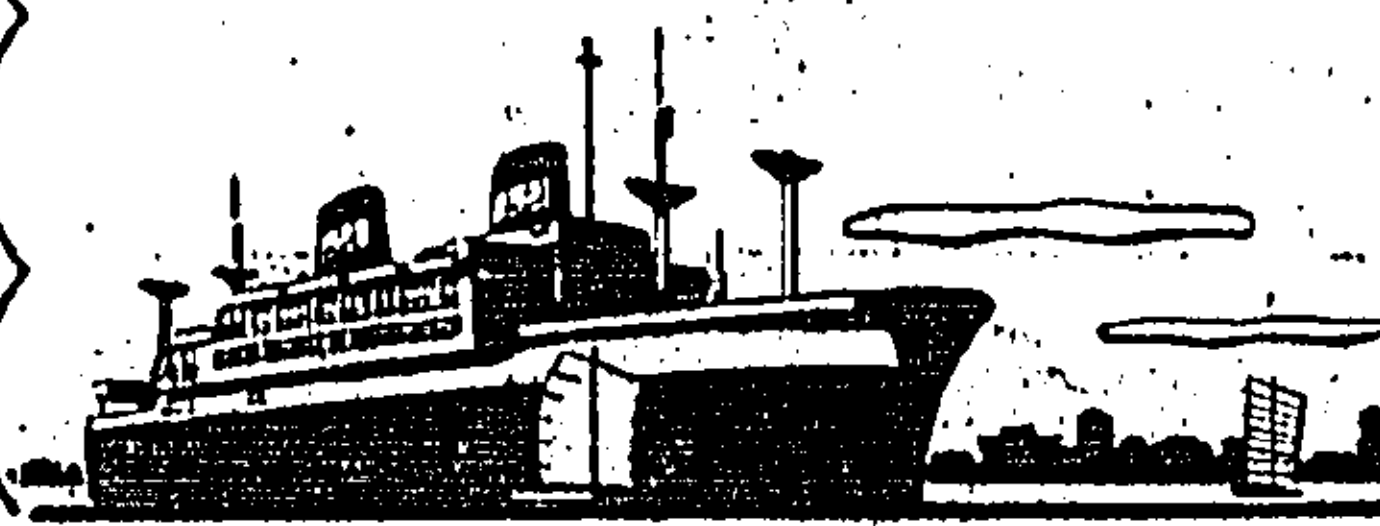
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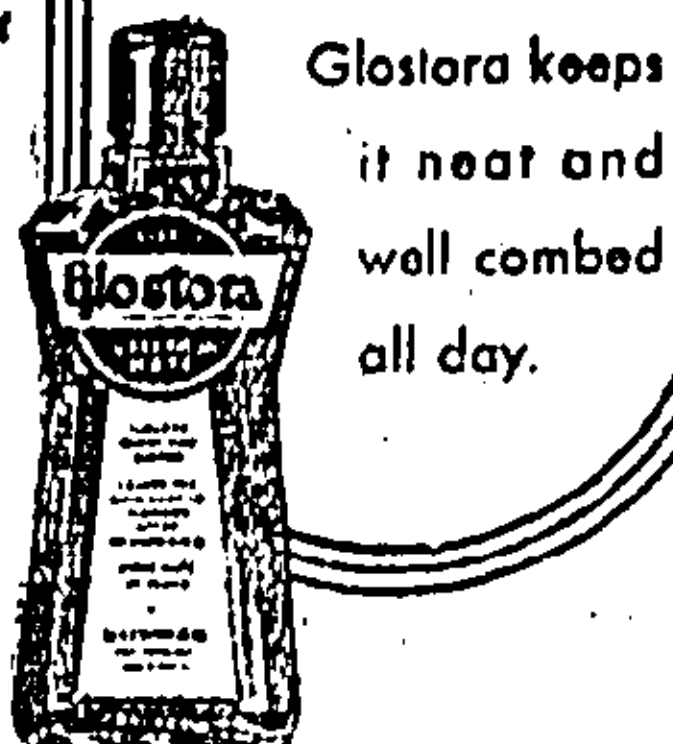
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Thirteen countries will compete in 'The Big Swim'

By F.G. PRINCE-WHITE

At 2.20 a.m. on August 22, 19 men and six women will launch themselves into the darkened sea from the French shore at Cap Gris-Nez and strike out for Dover. They will be taking part in the greatest sea marathon ever held—the Daily Mail International Cross-Channel Swimming Race.

The first man and the first woman to land on the English coast will each win a prize of £1,000, and one of two commemorative cups presented by the towns of Calais and Boulogne.

Every other competitor who completes the course will receive £250. If nobody gets home, £500 will be awarded for what experts decide was the best attempt.

Will to win

These are the brief essential facts of the world's most remarkable sporting event—a contest in which forces of will and spirit must equal powers of endurance.

How will it be organised? The beach from which the start is to be made will be flooded by tilting projectors, so that the competitors—each provided with a separate canvas hut in which to prepare for the race—may be clearly seen as they line up at the water's edge and take the plunge.

The firing of a Verry light will be the "Go!" signal, and all the swimmers will enter the water together.

Each competitor will be accompanied by two boats. In one a rowing boat—there will be the trainer.

In the other—a motor-boat—will be a reserve rowing crew and a Daily Mail umpire.

At the instant the swimmer he is to escort is "off," the umpire will press a knob and set the clock going. At the end of the swim (or if the competitor gives up en route) he presses another knob, stops the clock, locks it in its box, and eventually hands it over to the judges of the race.

Keeping in touch

The escorting boats will display the competitors' numbers. These will be illuminated during the hours before sunrise, thus making them distinguishable in the dark. The Race Commodore will be in the Race Commodore boat from which the great contest will be controlled.

But the main means of contact throughout the race will be wireless.

As soon as it was decided to organise the race it was realised that it offered an unusual opportunity for a Territorial Army exercise with "walkie-talkies." Lieut.-Colonel Augustus Newman, V.C., one of the heroes of the St. Nazaire raid and O.C. 21st S.A.S. (Special Air Services) Regiment, was enthusiastically co-operative, and War Office and Post Office permission was obtained for the use of wireless equipment during the Channel crossing.

Volunteers from Colonel Newman's regiment will be in the boats following the swimmers, and with their "walkie-talkies" will be in constant communication with the control vessel. They will make regular reports of the swimmers' progress and pass emergency messages.

The actual positions of the competitors at any given moment will be made known to "control" by experts operating a Decca navigator in a specially fitted launch provided by the makers of the system. This boat will also carry marine radar, and a reflector will be set up in every rowing boat accompanying a competitor.

These measures will ensure contact in all weather conditions, and will be particularly valuable in the event of suddenly developing mist.

As a further safeguard and method of keeping in touch a code with Verry lights has been devised. Thus a red light, for example, would be fired to summon medical aid for a swimmer should the need arise and the swimmer be beyond "walkie-talkie" range.

The race will be controlled from the British 600-ton ocean-going tug Rumania. She is 145ft. long, has a crew of 19, and can carry 50 people. This is the craft that three years ago safely towed two Royal Navy corvettes 13,000 miles—from Southampton to Shanghai—in 90 days.

Her London-born skipper, Captain H. Griffiths, was awarded the D.S.C. and D.S.M. for his part in the Dunkirk and D-Day operations.

Medical aid

Part of the tug's accommodation is being converted into a sick-bay, to which any competitor needing medical attention will be rushed by speed-boat.

Two doctors will be in attendance: Mr. E. Hume Kendall, Harley-street surgeon, who was a member of the 1st Olympic Games medical committee, and Dr. James Hall of Deal, who won a great reputation for courage and resource during the war by making some hundreds of trips in lifeboats to attend sick and injured seamen.

A St. John Ambulance Brigade unit from Dover has volunteered to do duty in the sick-bay.

The Rumania will be used, too, as the floating headquarters of representatives of the world's press. The race has aroused tremendous international interest, and some foreign newspapers are sending entire teams of reporters and cameramen to cover the "big swim story."

Race broadcast

Pressmen from the Continent and Scandinavia have already arrived here to observe the competitors in training.

A fleet of nearly 70 boats will be required for all purposes connected with the race.

Four will be used by the B.B.C., who will be broadcast descriptions of the race while it is in progress, on the Home, Light, European, and Overseas services.

Newspaper cameramen will be there for television and for the cinema.

The swimmers, chosen from more than 80 entrants from all over the world, will be racing for the honour of 13 countries: Argentina, Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Guatemala, Holland, Israel, Sweden, and the United States.

SOCCER REFEREE AND PLAYER SUSPENDED

Moscow, August 18.

They stand no nonsense from rough soccer players in Russia. Following a rough and tumble game between the Kiev Spartans and Moscow Spartans recently, the All-Union Committee on Physical Culture and Sports today announced it had:

Suspended referee E. Saar for the rest of the season for not handling the game properly; deprived A. Lerman, Kiev captain, of his title "Master of Sport," deposed him from the captaincy, and suspended him for two matches for rough play, and issued a "stern warning" to the Kiev manager.—Associated Press.

London, August 18.

J. C. M. Wilkinson has withdrawn from the team to represent Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the European Athletic Championships in Brussels next week, because of a muscle injury.

Wilkinson was to run in the 200 and 200 metres events and the 400 by 100 metres relay. The question of a substitute is being taken up.—Reuter.

Chadwick lands at Dover



Florence Chadwick, resting in shallow water, smiles as she reaches the coast at South Foreland at the end of her record-breaking Channel swim. She touched the shore there 13 hours 28 minutes after leaving Cap Gris-Nez, France. The 31-year-old tylist and professional swimmer from San Diego, California, was the 12th woman to swim the Channel. It was her first attempt. The previous record, set up in 1926 by Gertrude Ederle of U.S.A., was 14 hours 34 minutes.—A.P. photo.

THE PERFECT MAN

By HENRY LONGHURST

Gone Sarazen, who won the U.S. Open 28 years ago with a score of 288, and last week finished high up in a full-length tournament with 286, is establishing a record for golfing longevity to challenge that of Cyril Tolley, who was beaten this year in the semi-final of a championship which he had first won three years before his conqueror was born.

Apart from his golf, which through its sheer simplicity is likely to last for another decade or two, Sarazen was often in the news for some provocative utterance or other, and he maintains his form in this direction too.

Many will recall the widest-brand sensation caused by his proposition for an eight-inch hole—and not a bad idea either! Now he has weighed in with his perfect "Composite Golfer."

The component parts not unnaturally are derived mainly from American players. The first two we can hardly dispute, but to some of the others we might offer a challenge.

Sarazen's perfect performer has the brains of Bobby Jones, who possessed "the finest mind of any competitive golfer—along with a great golf game and great fortitude he had great intelligence," and the heart of Walter Hagen, who could "hold his pole at crucial junctures, deliver his most telling blows when they really counted, and write off his mistakes with no decrease in confidence."

And here, irrelevantly but for the benefit of fellow connoisseurs I must pass on a, to me, new "Hagen Story."

Just before the 1923 championships at Troon, it appears the great man received an invitation to call in the evening upon the late Sir Alexander Walker, a considerable figure in the club.

Affired in dinner jacket and anticipating a refreshing supply of the products for which his name had so long been renowned, Hagen was ushered in by the butler.

"Ah, Hagen!" said Sir Alex. "I am glad to see you. My committee inform me that some of the American competitors have been moving the brushwood from the championship tees and playing from there in practice. I should be grateful if you would see that this ceases forthwith. Good evening!"

Envy of American pros

Reverting to the Perfect Man, he is to have the hands of Tommy Armour. These have been the envy of American pro-

Extraordinary Whitehall decision

By W. CAPEL KIRBY

What a sorry state of affairs it is when participation in the fight for the Ashes is ranked almost as vital as atomic research as a reserved occupation.

That is how the general public sums up the extraordinary Whitehall decision to release Brian Close for the cricketing season, under this coming winter a decision which is not being applauded in the homes of youth who've had careers interrupted by conscription and can't do a thing about it.

Mind you, I don't entirely agree with the authorities for the very good reason that one of the chief reasons we're so poorly placed in the realm of international sport is because rival countries exploit call-up periods to give their top-class sportsmen the concentrated coaching and training our performers so sadly lack in these days of intensive competition.

A howl of protest

Letters I've received on the subject indicate that had Brian Close been a Southerner his release from Army duties to go to Australia would have raised a howl of protest, especially as the young Yorkshireman, the natural that he is, had had little or no first-class match cricket experience.

It's crazy, of course, but nothing like so crazy as Charlie Swinburn's success at which I reckon requires about 10 per cent guts and the rest luck with the laces. What was the odds against any of the international race contenders getting across?

"I am especially interested because I have taken time in the water with more than 20 aspirants. Luck! Gracious. I once started with a chap at Gris-Nez and was still being strong when he packed up with arm and leg muscles twisted like knotted ropes."



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